



THE BEE HIVE 1953

I have enjoyed
this Freshman year
with you. Lots of such
in the future.
Duke

To one of the nicest
girls, 2 known. I have
enjoyed the 8th and
shared with you and
hope we will share
many more to gether.
Here's wishing you
luck in the future years!!
Love
Betty

Nikki
I have enjoyed being
with you this year.
Lots of such
Phyllis Taylor.

Nikki
I have enjoyed this
year in school with you
especially in home room
& hope we have some
more good times together
(old fol)
Betty



this
at Bennett
y being in
class with
Lucky
Cecily D.

Niki,
I have really
enjoyed this year with
you. I wish you the very
best in life. Love ya,
Marie

Niki,
I had a pleasure
being with you this
freshman year. Lots
of luck. Eleanor B.

Niki,

I have really
enjoyed this year
as well as the other
with you. Remember
the good time
we had and
how we acted!
Love,
Zidilia

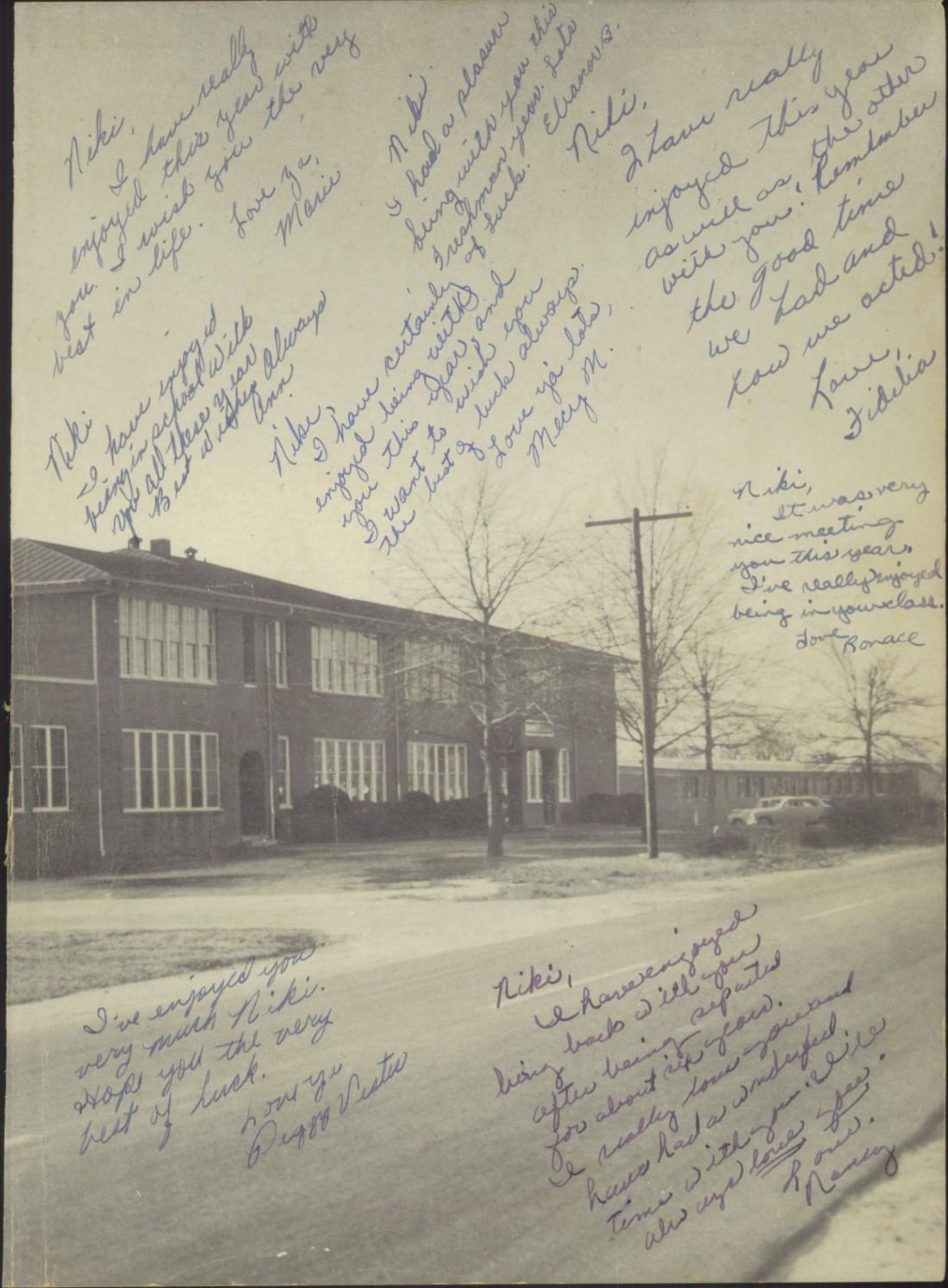
Niki,
I have enjoyed
being in school with
you all these years
I can't wait to see you
always

Niki, I have certainly
enjoyed being with
you this year, and
I want to wish you
the best of luck always.
Love ya lots,
Mary M.

Niki,
It was very
nice meeting
you this year.
I've really enjoyed
being in your class.
Love Ronall

I've enjoyed you
very much Niki.
Hope you the very
best of luck.
Love ya
Deanna Vester

Niki,
I have enjoyed
being back with you
after being separated
for about a year.
I really love you and
have had a wonderful
time with you. I'll
also say love to you.
Love,
Nancy

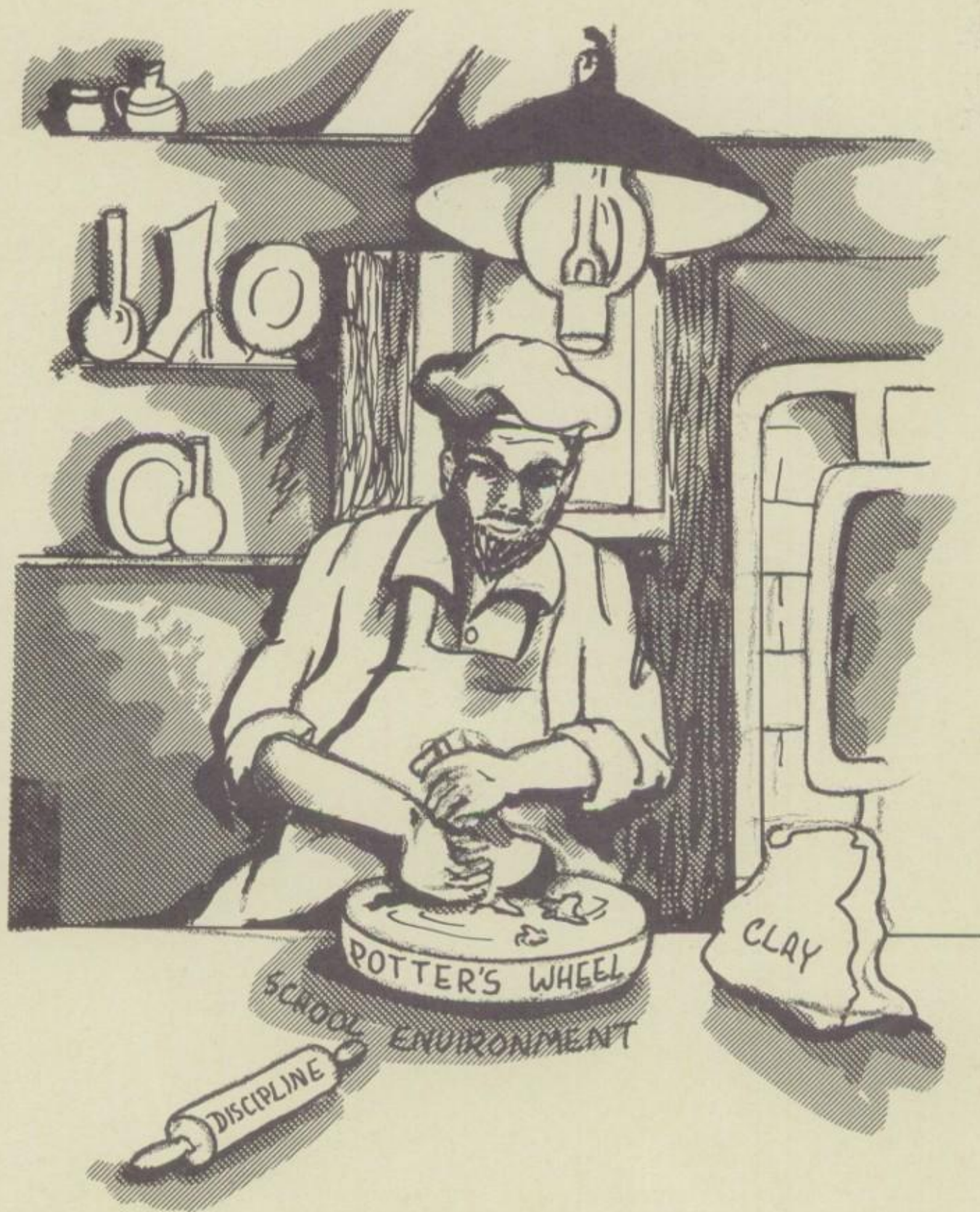


"Reserved."

I have really enjoyed being with
you this past year and hope to be
with you many many more. Hope
you the best of luck.

Bobby M.

A Very Cute Girl
especially at Pamlico.
See you this summer.
Always
Jane Needham



Bee-Hive

1953

BENVENUE SCHOOL

Rocky Mount

North Carolina

Foreword

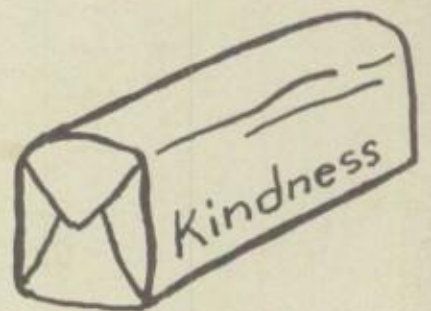
The theme of our yearbook is building good citizens. We present this simple recipe to use:

Take a child born in the typical American home, add six years of good home training plus some time spent in Sunday School and Church. After six years of the above training, send the boy or girl to an American public school. There, add one part community life, two parts personality development, one part consideration for others, three parts honesty and two parts cooperation. Use these ingredients in every plan during the school years. Add the vim of a good strong body, developed mind, the zest of good sportsmanship; shake all together in the melting pot of the American school. At the end of twelve years, open the doors of learning and out emerges the young American Citizen with diploma in hand, his eyes on the ideals and possibilities of the future.



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School Spirit

CATHERINE SMITH



A Word To Remember You By



The Victory

The Citizen Of Tomorrow



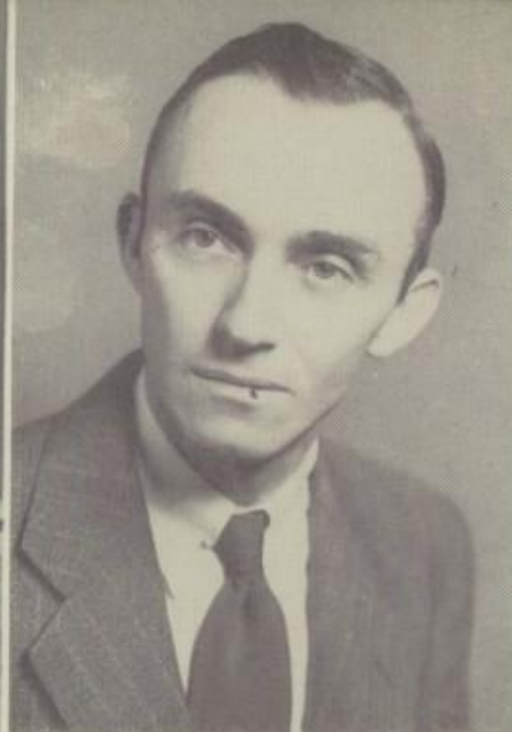
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The Celebrities Meet



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Business



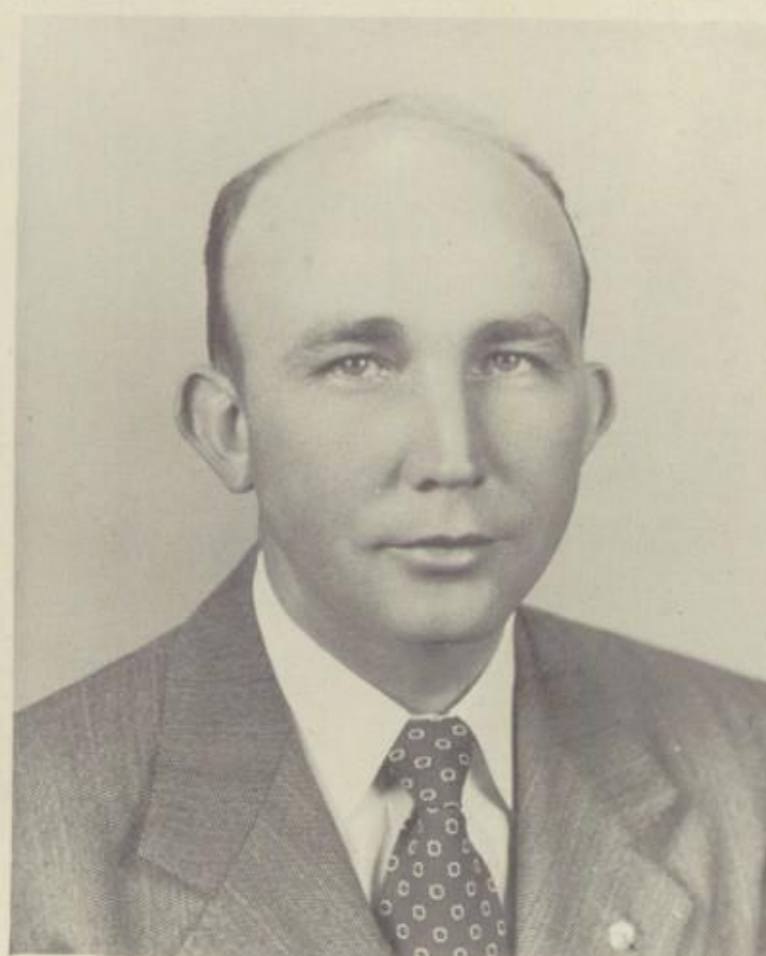
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English & French



Walter M. Patterson
Science



Mrs. J. D. Bone
Social Studies



R. B. Gordon
Principal

William V. Griffin
Mathematics



Harriet Burnette
English



Mrs. J. S. Matthews
Home Economics



J. E. Lamm
Agriculture



Miss Harriet Batts
Mrs. G.C. Reid
Mrs. G.W. Shearin
Mrs. J.K. Hayes



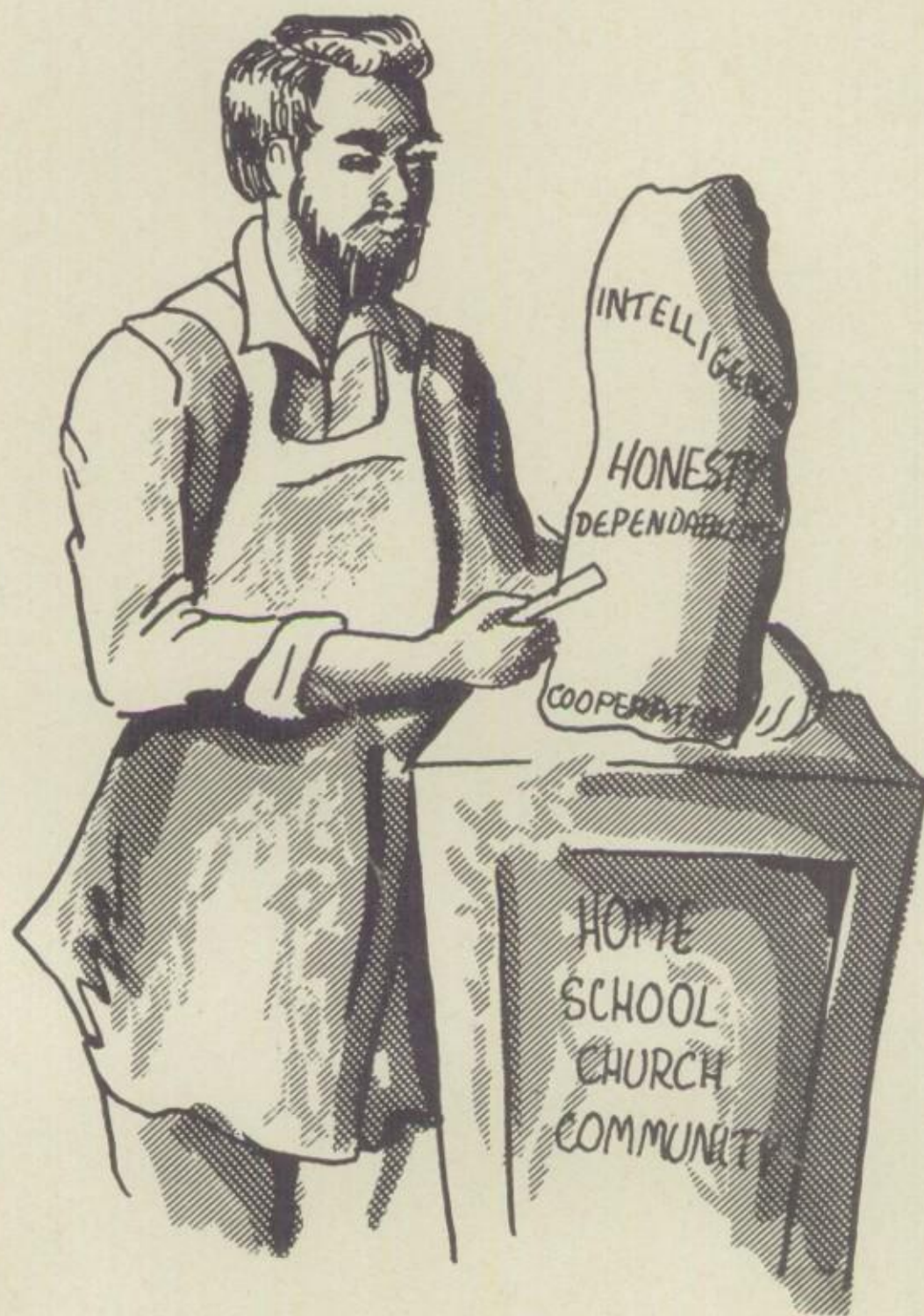
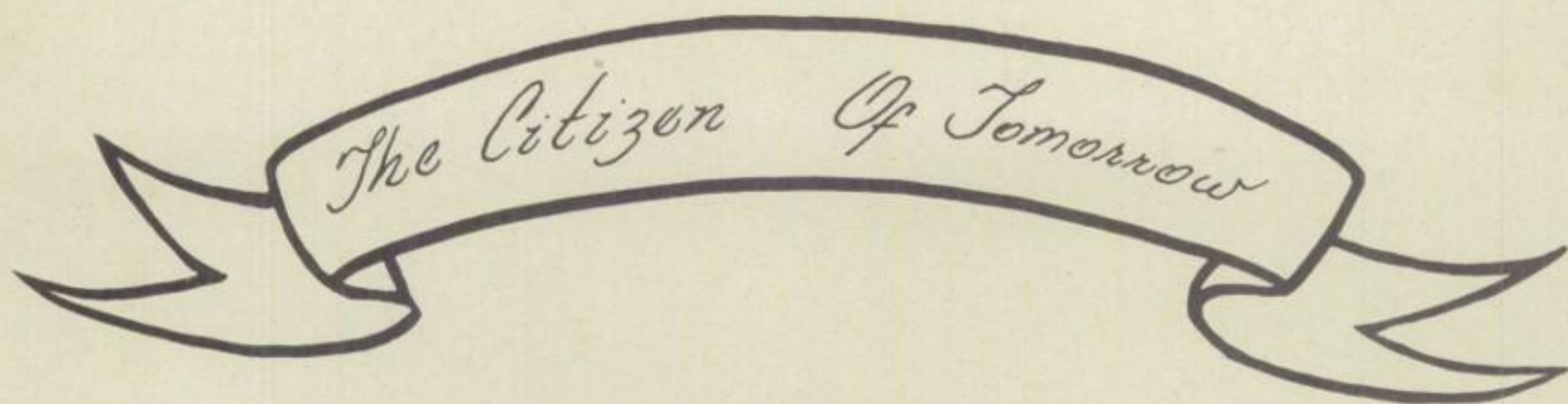
Mrs. J.L. Greene
Miss Ruth Moore
Mrs. R.T. Griffin, Jr.
Mrs. Minnie Hayes



Miss Oveda Bowden
Mrs. E.D. Gordon
Mrs. F.A. Cronenberg
Mrs. J.E. Lamm
Mrs. Beecher Patterson
Absent

Mrs. J.E. Dozier
Mrs. W.W. Pitt
Mrs. W.L. Woodley, Jr.
Miss Beryl Joyner





Classes



Those Steering Our Class

Billy Stancil
Jane Proctor
Evelyn Howell
Mildred Spivey

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer

Seniors--the dream of eleven years is a realization. Even though we have been mingling in these same halls and classrooms, they have a different significance for us this year. Perhaps it is because we realize that our hour on this stage will soon be no more.

Our activities have been numerous, each day brought a new responsibility, and now as we pause to reflect we think "what a glorious time we have had and are having."

The dream will quickly vanish and the curtain will be drawn when the last senior crosses the stage and our principal extends the final congratulation.

"Everybody has to go sometime,"
and it is our time now, but
Our hearts forever will be loyal
Dear Benvenue High, to you.

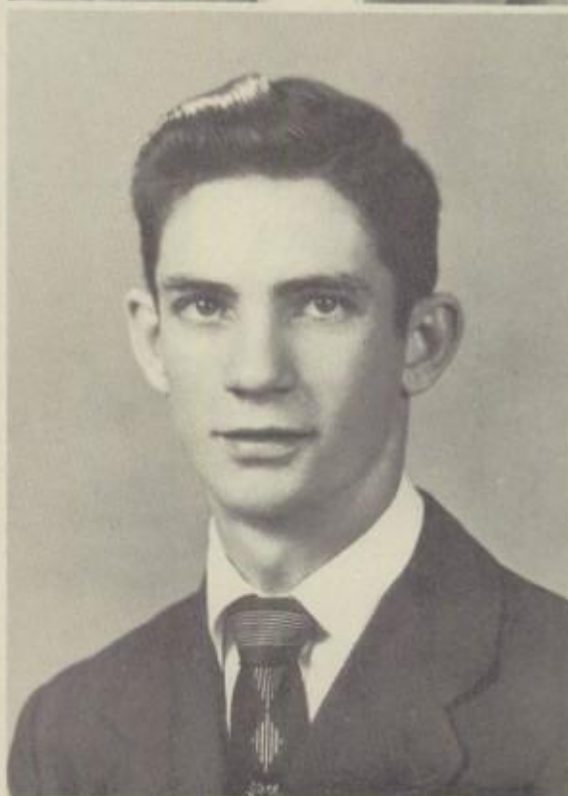
ROBERT EARL ALFORD

WILLIS OLIVER ALFORD



JOSEPH WILEY ARNOLD

BETTY DORIS BATTS



LELA ALMAIR BLANTON

BETTY JOAN BOSEMAN

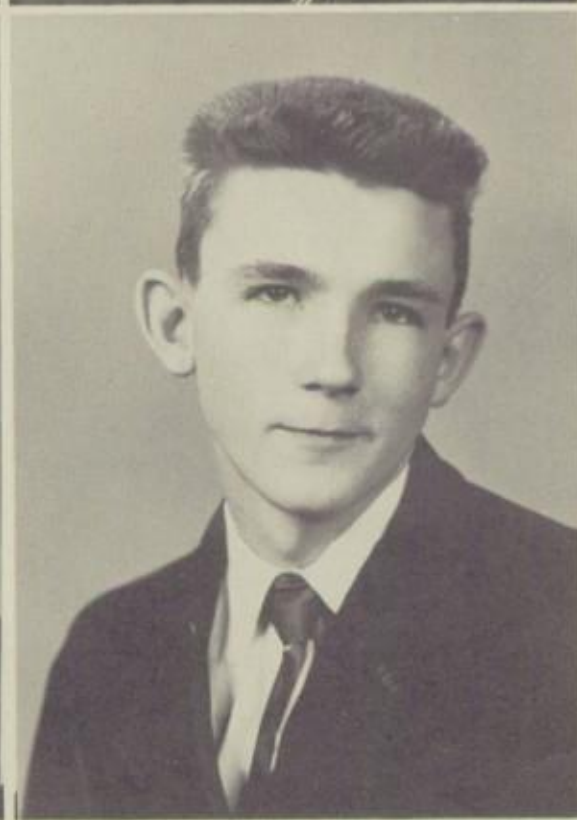


The Seniors



WILLA RAE BOWEN

ARTHUR SLOAN BUTLER, JR.



JANET BRYAN CAMPBELL

DONALD MORGAN CAPPS



DORIS FRANCES CHEWNING

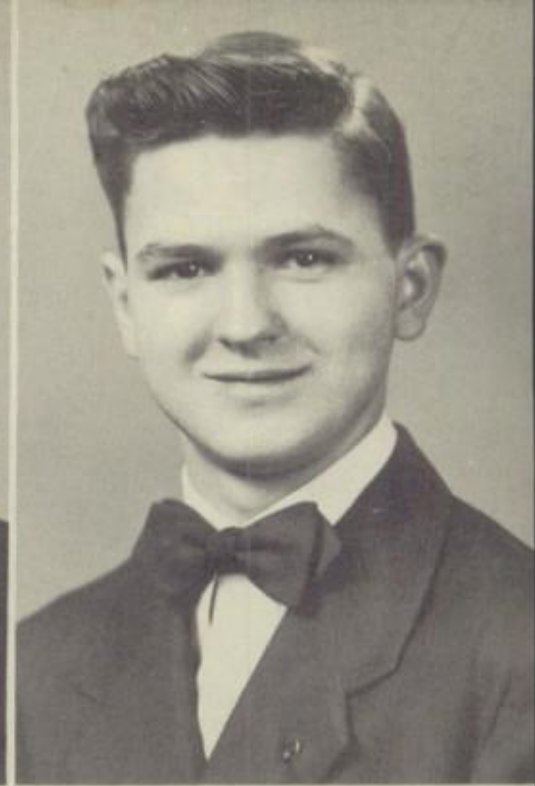
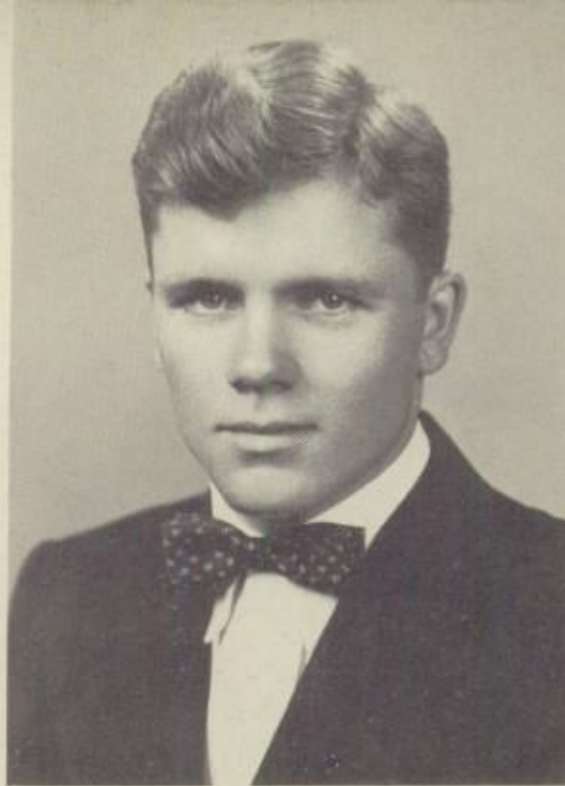
SYLVIA LEIGH CRICKMORE



*Best of luck
of 53
Doris Chewning*

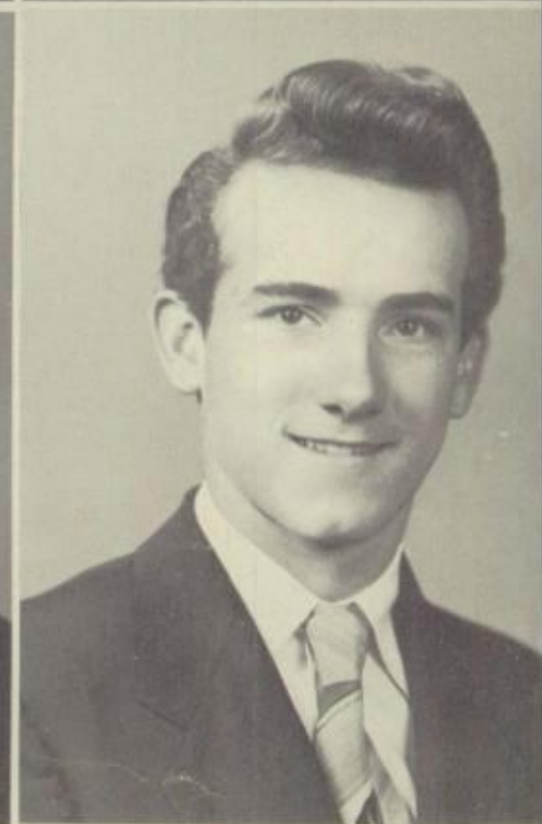
GEORGE RAY DAVIS

ARVID DALTON DUNN



BETTIE JEAN FLOOD

JOHN HENRY GARDNER

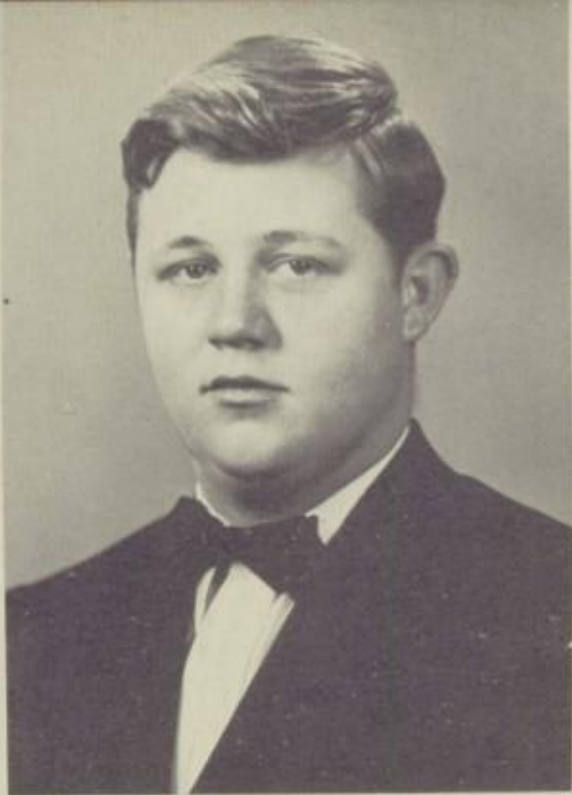


ELSIE MARIE GREENE

JEWEL VANN GREENE



*Best of every thing
to you in life to
come. wish
you luck in
school.
Yours
The Seniors*



MARJORIE OVERTON GRIFFIN

CHARLES EDWARD HAYES



MARY LILLIE HICKS

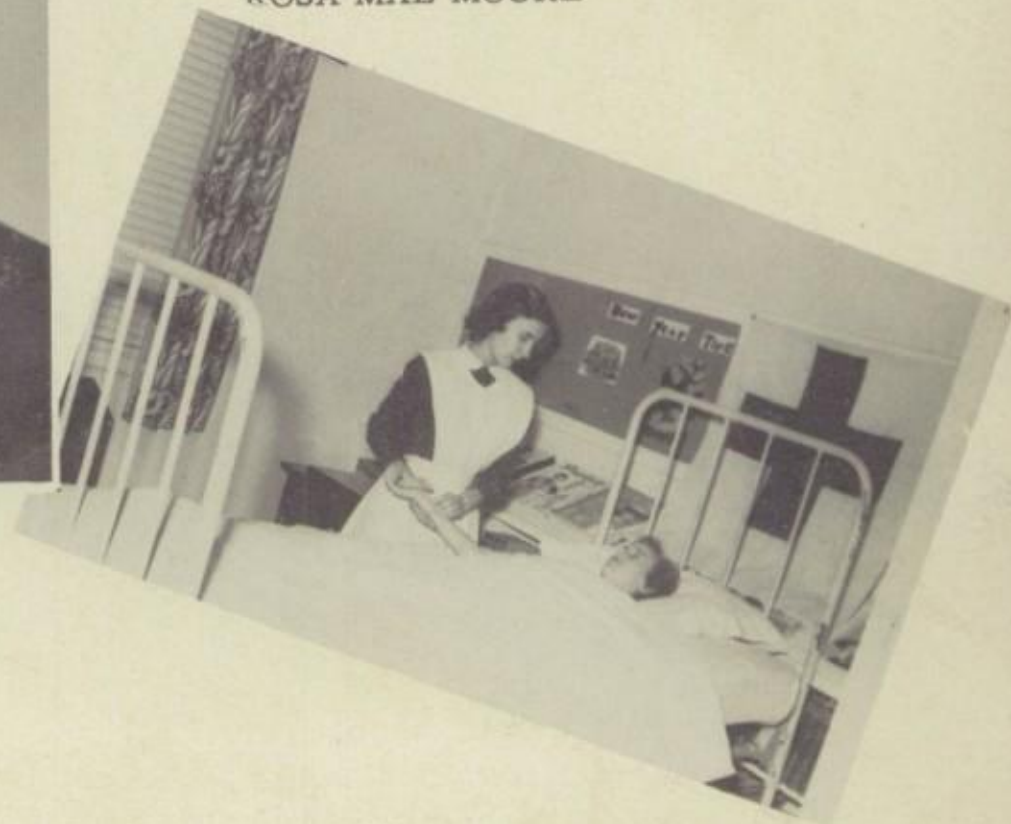
IVA EVELYN HOWELL



*But by luck to a very cute
and attractive girl.
Rosa*

LETHA EARLINE LANGLEY

ROSA MAE MOORE



Nickie - you're a very cute
girl. Keep up the good
attitude you have now
and you'll always have
friends. *Hazel*

HAZEL ELIZABETH MORRIS

MELVIN LEE PARIS



*Best of luck to
a sweet girl.
Jane*

MARY JANE PROCTOR

WILLIAM EDWARD PROCTOR



JOHNNIE THOMAS RAPER

LAWRENCE PARKER ROOKS



The Seniors



ELLA CATHERINE SMITH

DONALD ROYCE SMITH



MILDRED JOSEPHINE SPIVEY

HERMERLEE STANCIL



BARBARA ANN STIREWALT

BOBBY SPEIGHT TALBOTT



CARSON DARRELL TAYLOR

JOAN TAYLOR

NANCY VICK WALKER



FRANK BENEJA WEAVER, JR.

ROBERT BELL WEEKS



BERNICE J. WHEELLESS, JR.

JO ANN WILLIAMS

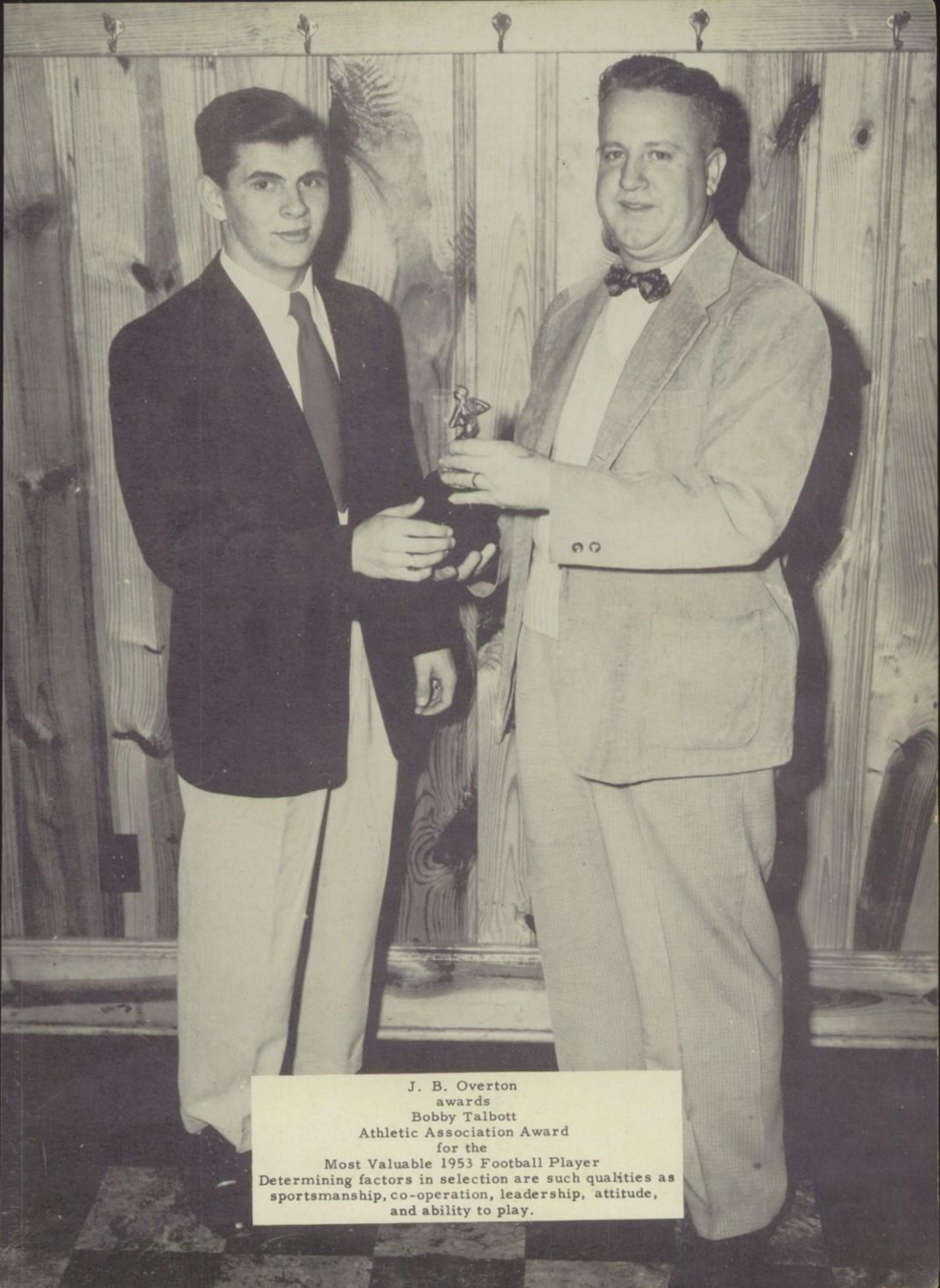


GRADY HOWELL WINSTEAD

JAMES DAVID WINSTEAD



The Seniors of '53

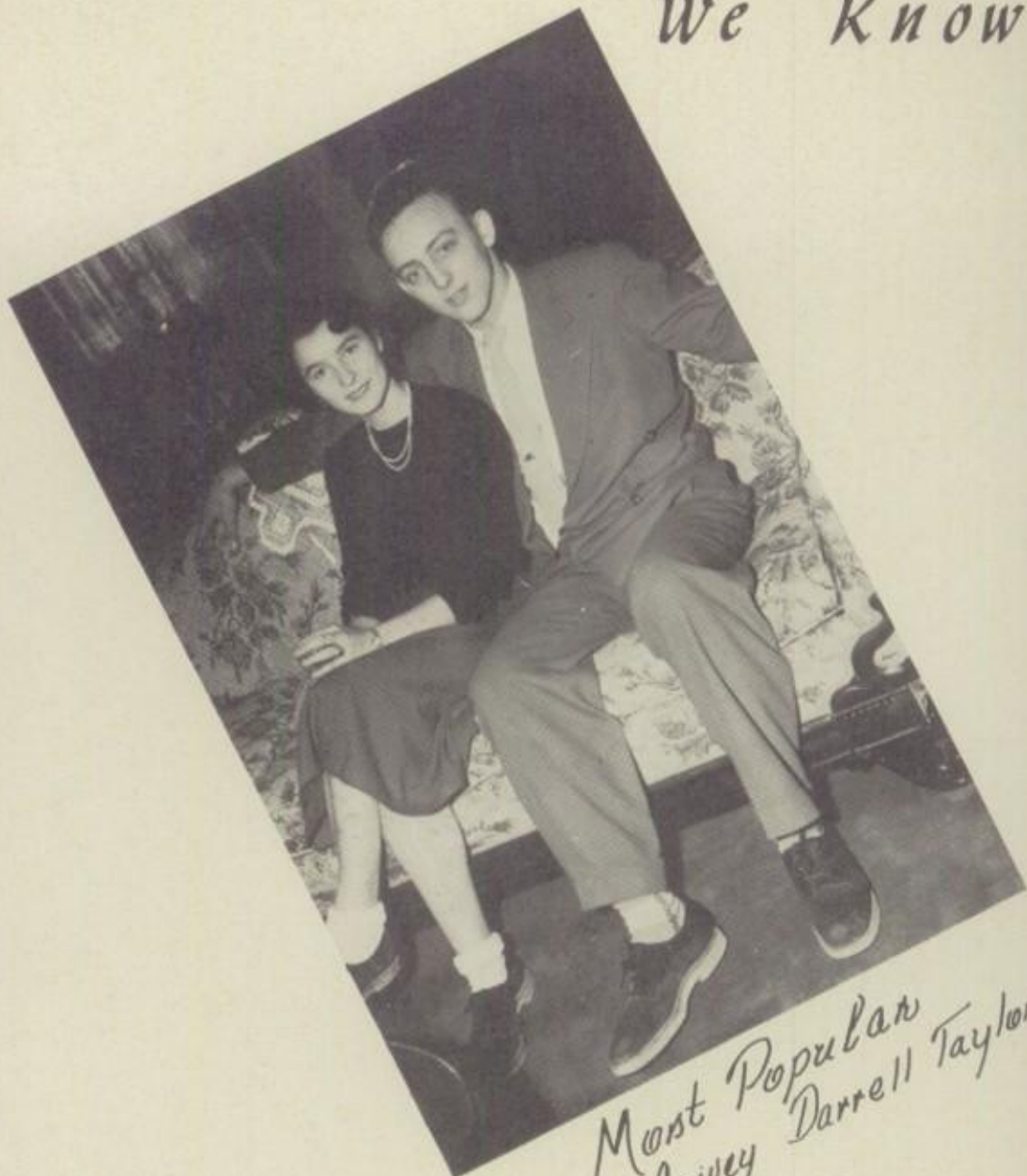


J. B. Overton
awards
Bobby Talbott
Athletic Association Award
for the
Most Valuable 1953 Football Player
Determining factors in selection are such qualities as
sportsmanship, co-operation, leadership, attitude,
and ability to play.

We Know



*Most Courteous
Willa Mae Bowen
Robert Alford*



*Most Popular
Mildred Spivey Darrell Taylor*



*Most Likely To Succeed
Joan Baseman Billy Dunn*



*Best-All-Around
Nancy Walker Charles Hayes*

Them As



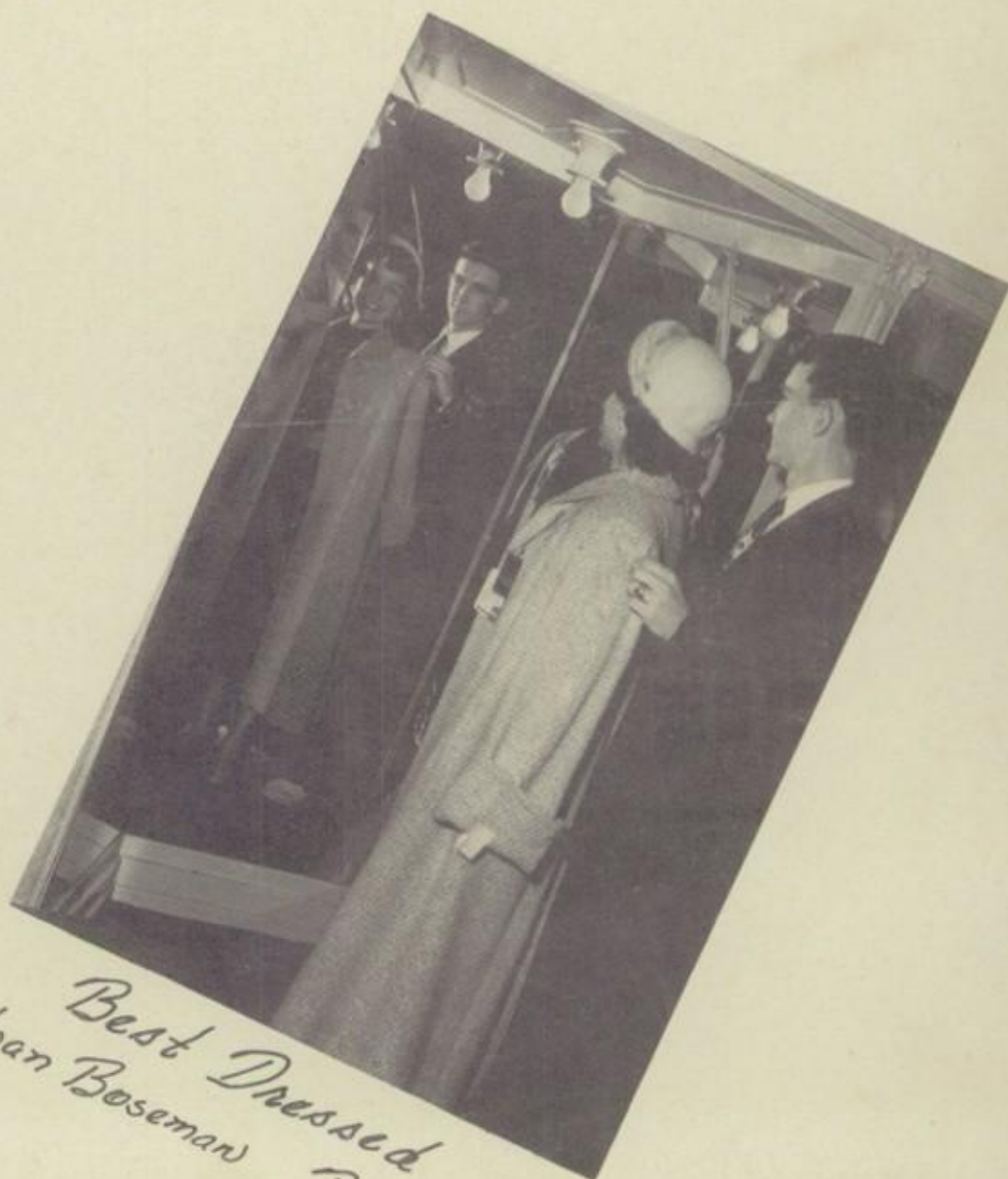
*Most Dependable
David Winstead*



*Most Talented
Janet Campbell*



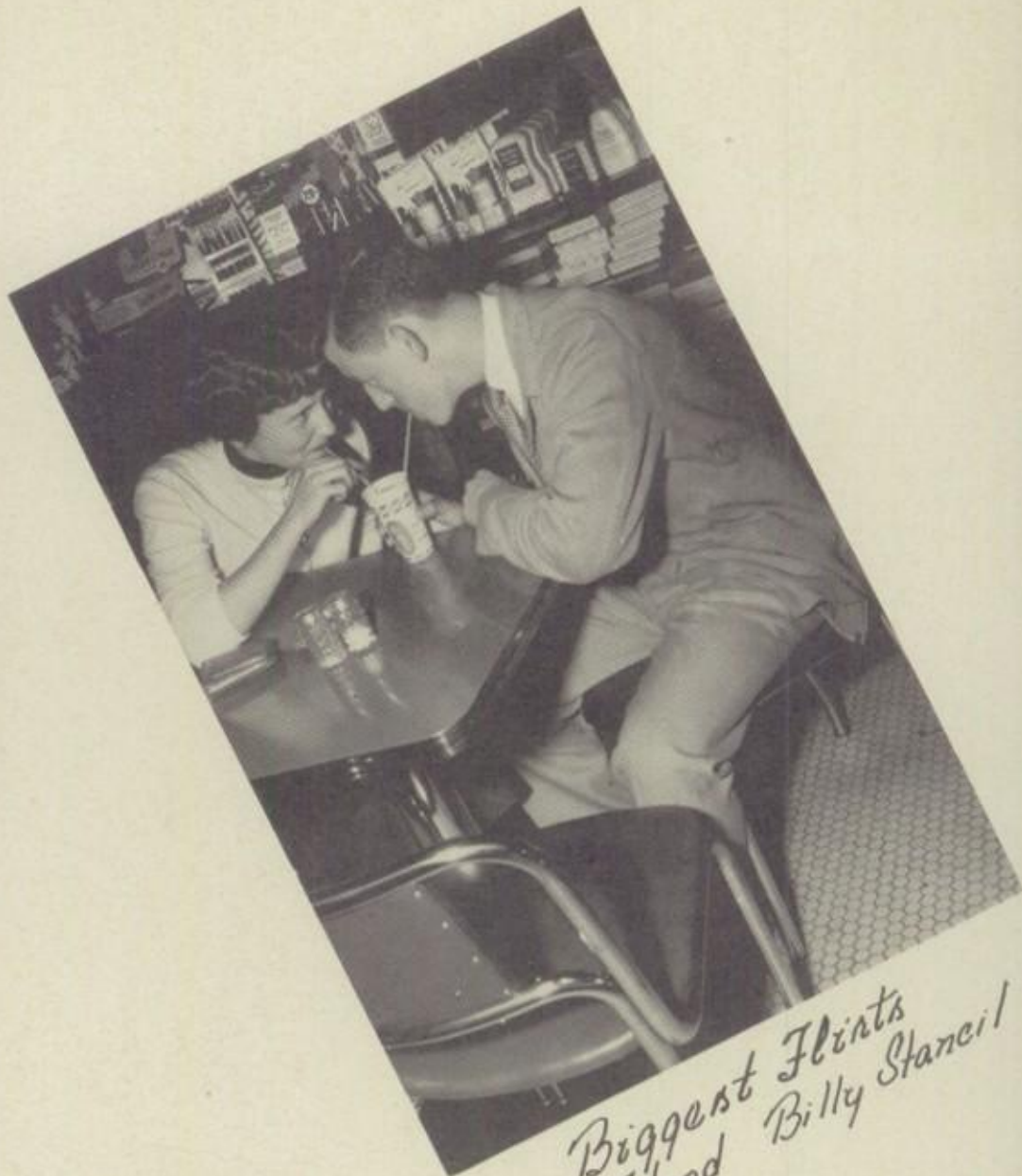
*Best Looking
Jewell Greene George Davis*



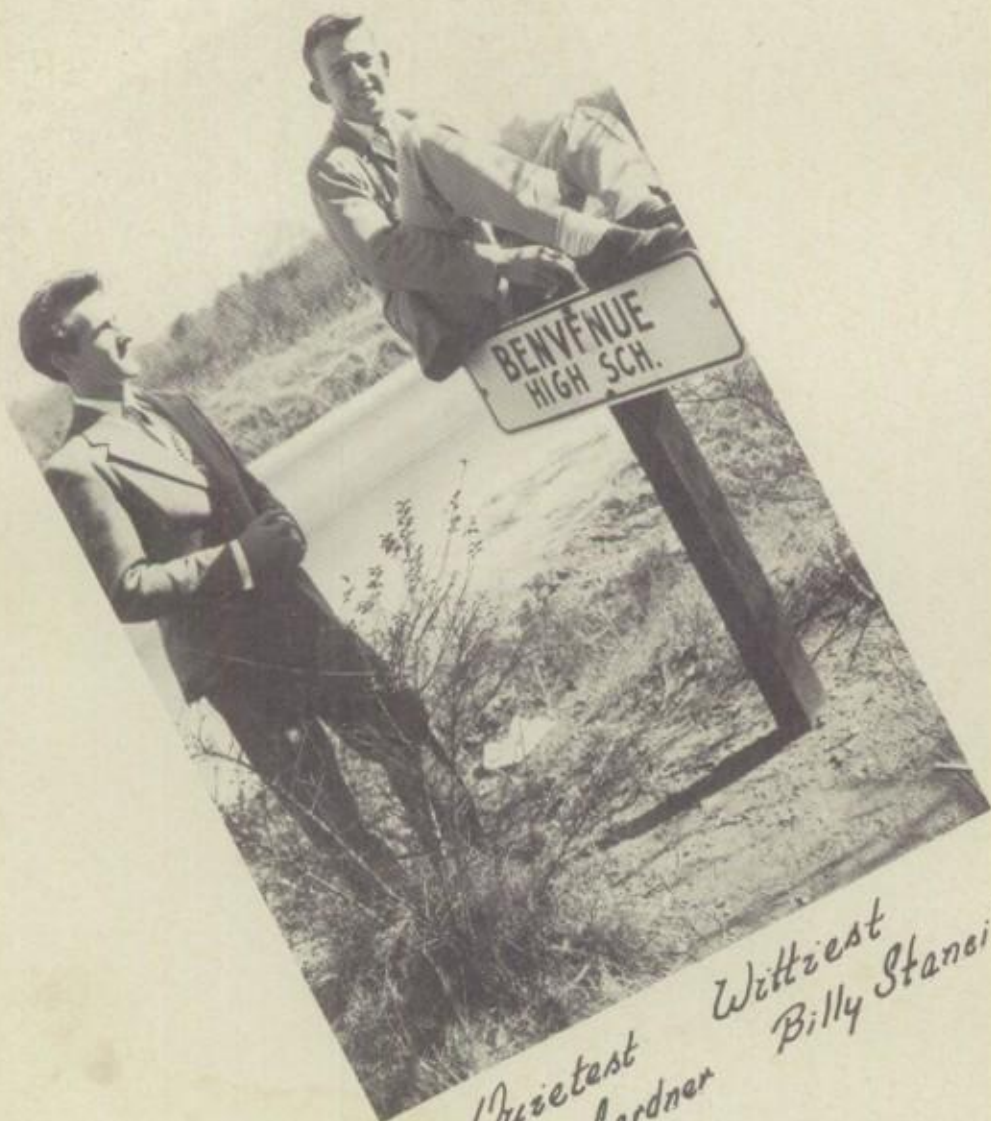
*Best Dressed
Joan Boseman Donald Capps*



Best Sports
Catherine Smith Charles Naves



Biggest Flirts
Jean Flood Billy Stancil



Quietest
Johnny Gardner
Wittiest
Billy Stancil



Most Athletic
Doris Chewning George Davis



Juniors

G.C. Pridgen - President
Dennis Bennett - Vice-President
Nadine Butler - Secretary
Gold Joyner - Treasurer

Juniors - "It's hard to believe but its true."

What will we remember as the high lights of our Junior year? Why the Junior-Senior Prom and our Junior play.

As the year comes to a close we find ourselves looking forward to playing the part of "Dignified Seniors."



Donnievan Bailey
Harry Baines
Mary Frances Barnes



Dorothy Batchelor
Charles Batts
Dennis Bennett



Barbara Blandford
Jewel Bone
Hulda Brantley



Alice Marie Bulluck
Nadine Butler
Larry Campbell

Good Luck to you in near future.



Doris Collie
George Crickmore
Rubert Daniel



James Dixon
Evelyn Drake
Glen Faircloth



Johnny Griffin
Eugene Godwin
Margaret Hardy

Joseph Harper
Jane Hill
Joe Hoggard



Best of luck to you. I'll never
forget those parties you ~~used~~
used to have back
in the eighth grade. Please
excuse all these mistakes
but me and this fountain pen
don't get along. Gold Joyner

Shirley House
Gold Joyner
Edith Layton



Lots of sweet luck to ~~you~~
my nice girl
J.C. Morris

Fanny Long
J.C. Morris
Ray Pearsall



Remember
will be in
mind + heart
like a gift
to find you
Best of luck
Dorothy Pope
G.C. Pridgen
Virginia Ramsey

Edna Raper
William Riley
Bonnie Rooks



William Strum
Verona Thomas
Hazel Viverette



Julia Ward
Donald Winstead
Edna Woodcock





Sophomores

Patsy Jackson
Julia Mae Harper
Jake Davis
Lester Weaver

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer

We have had many things as Sophomores to live down--since it is generally understood "Sophs" are inclined to be conceited and think of themselves as being wise and sophisticated. Let that be as it may, a spirit of harmony has prevailed in our class and we are now ready to take our places as Juniors and uphold the same ideals as our worthy predecessors.



Clayton Andrews
Jean Armstrong
Joyce Ashby

Mary Baines
Mary Frances Baines
Peggy Blackburn



Raybon Bone
Julius Capps
Virginia Ree Daughtridge



Jake Davis
Peggy Dixon
Kenneth Dutton



Randolph Edwards
Charles Ellis
Peggy Garris



Mary Lewis Griffin
Julia Mae Harper
Shirley Harper



Syrl Harris
Ronald Hartman
Pattie Holloman



Catherine Hondros
Parnell Hudson
Faye Hyde



Patsy Jackson
Jasper King
Georgia Lewis





Frank McLaurin
John McLaurin
Tempie Nines



I've enjoyed being in school with you this year. Edna Pope

Eugene Patterson
Edna Pope
Charles Ramsey



Dorothy Reams
Annie Riley
Curtis Robbins



Evelyn Rogers
Viola Russ
Helen Sessoms



Rodney Spencer
Eula Gray Stancil
Roger Sturtevant



Peggy Joyce Tyson
Elmyra Walton
John Watkins

Best of luck to a very sweet girl. Good luck to you and Bobby always. Peggy J.



Lester Weaver
Edward Williams
Iris Williams



Robert Williams
Doris Winfree
Kenneth Wood



Freshmen

Betty Jo Langley
Fidelia Griffin
Ronace Joyner
Audrey Viverette

Bobby Moss.
Randall Godwin
Charles Davis
Randolph Griffin

President
Vice-President
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Treasurer

Since our class holds the distinction of being the largest to enter the portals of Benvenue; we have endeavored to the best of our ability to write into the annals of our school records which will foster the development of the principles of democracy.



Harold Alford
Johnny Armstrong
Bobby Arnold



Alice Arp
Connie Ray Baines
Bobby Bass



Nancy Lee Bland
Shirley Boone
Jackie Boyette



Ella Mae Bradshaw
Eleanor Brown
Evelyn Butler



Bobby Clay
Rita Cobb
Marsha Coley



*To a very nice girl,
All the luck in the world.*
Donald Collier
Yvonne Daughtridge
Charles Davis

*Charles
Davis*



Helen Davis
Shelby Davis
Joy Dixon

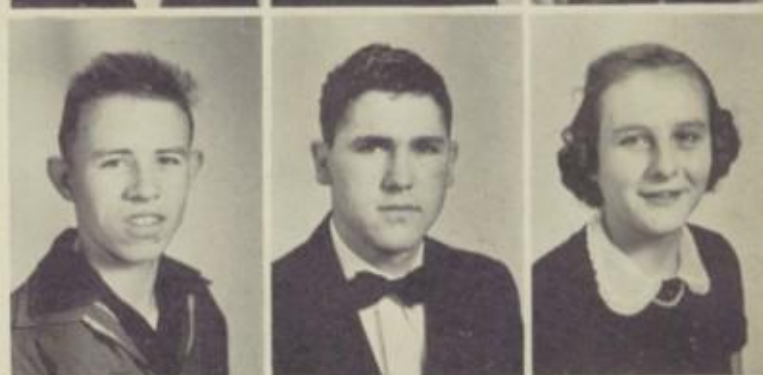


Peggy Dunn
Cortel Fisher
Thelma Freeman

Randall Godwin
Fidelia Griffin
Tempie Griffin



Randolph Griffin
Tommy Hayes
Helen Harrell



Billy Hill
Wayne Jessup
J.D. Joyner



Ronance Joyner
Duke Land
Betty Jo Langley



Mildred Long
Peggy Long
Ann Lucas



Edith Martin
Catherine May
Billy Mayo



James McDonald
Marie McNeely
Mecy Morris



Bobby Moss
Jane Needham
M.C. New





David Outlaw
Charles Overton
Bobbie Jean Parker



Johnny Pierce
Jean Pittman
Melvin Pittman



Lois Jean Pridgen
Barbara Puette
Niki Robbins



Harvey Rowe
Joyce Sears
Marvin Smith



Jane Strum
James Suggs
Phyllis Taylor



Peggy Vester
Audrey Viverette
Phyllis Waters

*I'm a real good friend
Best wishes to you
and Bobby in the
future Phyllis Waters*



Patricia Ann Watson
Kenneth Weaver
Patricia Wester



Katie Wheeler
Carlton Williams
Jean Williams
Rose Winstead



Eighth Grade

FIRST ROW: Mrs. W. L. Woodley, Fay Hedgepeth, Zora Shipman, Bobby Wallace, Tony Bledsoe, Frank Mayo, Gene Rooks, Bobby Rowland, Crayton Overton, Thomas Williams, Linda Benson. SECOND ROW: Joyce Freeman, Nancy Williams, Ruby Perdue, Tommy Parker, Don Harris, Jeffrey Cobb, Mark Moore, Tommy Hayes, Randy Tyler, Patsy Higson. THIRD ROW: Edna Dixon, Pat Atkins, Ella Mae Riley, Janice Peterson, Louise Alford, Linda Leonard, Alice Lucas, Harriet Moore, Shirley Moore. FOURTH ROW: Fredith Wood, William Earl Cook, Ray Wood, J. B. Moss, Don Davis, Don Crickmore, Barbara McDodd, Don Burchfield.

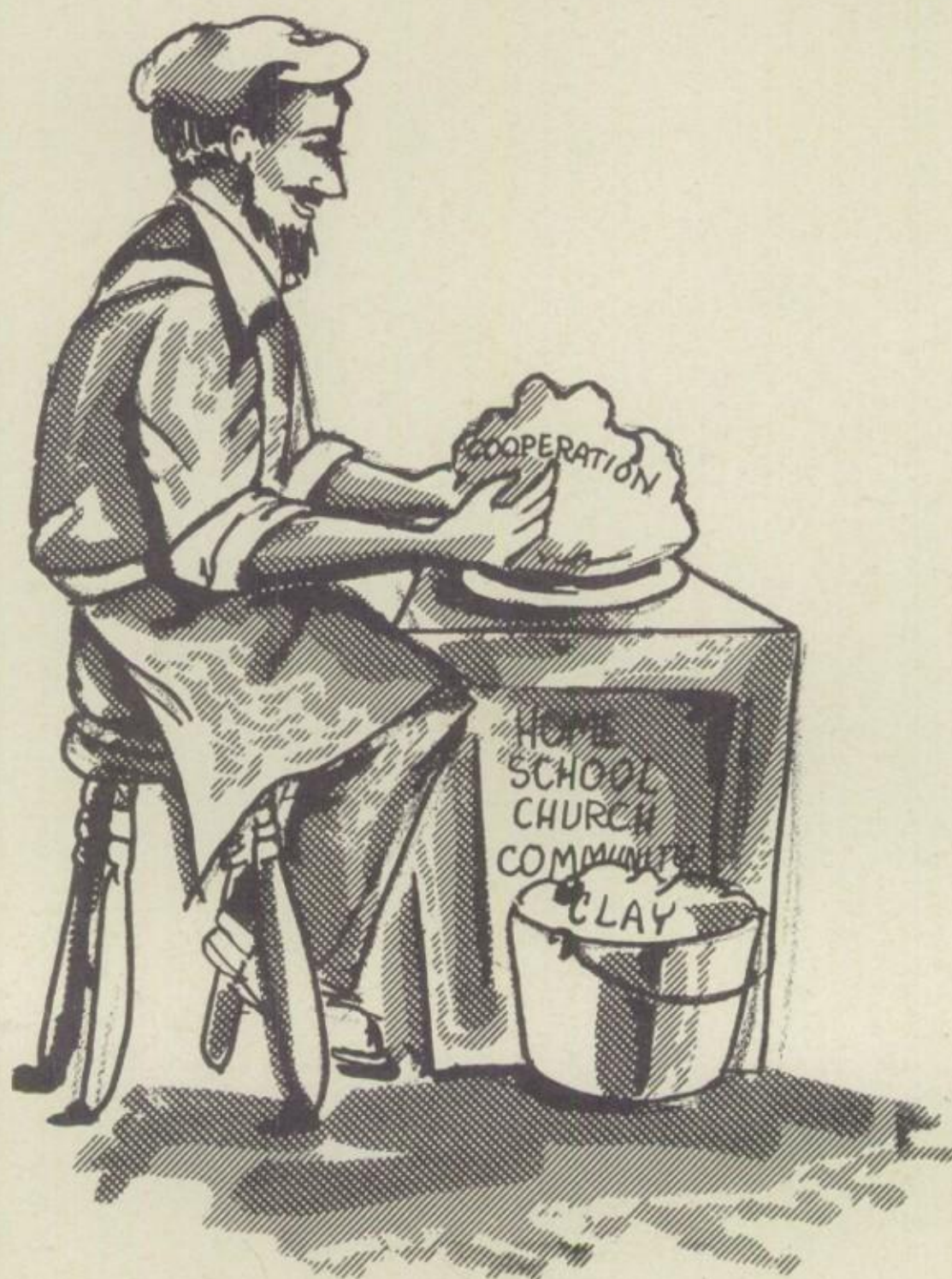
The High School Of Tomorrow

FIRST ROW: Mrs. Marie Pitt, Glenn Young, George Neal, Sammy Meyers, Billy Johnson, Billy Hudson, Tommy Strickland, Joe Williams, Vernelle Greene, Barbara Williams, Elizabeth Davis, Ann Moore, Robert Leonard, Billie Fisher. SECOND ROW: Donald Smith, Lois Chewning, Carol Bradford, Jerry Pittman, Roger Bunn, Billy Hicks, Phillip Riley, Peggy Jo Puett, Peggy Armstrong, Barbara Neal, Garland Dixon, Melvin Outlaw, Gorham Shearin. THIRD ROW: Johnny Hudson, Barbara Dixon, Talmadge Thompson, Alton Skinner, Lois Joyner, Charles Paris, Sonja Paris, Alice Burchfield, Donald Taylor, Odie Griffin, Nelson Radford, Thomas Overton. FOURTH ROW: Margaret Bales, Rebecca Harper, Inez Crickmore, Joyce Thomas, Fairy Bunn, Aubrey Wooten, Alice Armstrong, Willard Batts, Mac Rose, E. J. Tucker. FIFTH ROW: Mrs. Otis Capps, Jo Lynn Griffin, Rachel Moss, Helen Speight, Carolyn Young, Jack Morris, Pat Coughlin, Kenneth Ferrells, Wallace Stancil, Bryan Williams, Floyd Shearin, J. C. Spell.

Seventh Grade



The Citizen Of Tomorrow



Activities



In Conference

Editor

Adviser

Catherine Smith Mrs. R. B. Gordon



Raising the Funds

Janet Campbell, Jo Ann Williams,
Nancy Walker, Lillie Hicks.

Something Different in The Making



Work, editing a yearbook? Of course there's work--long hours after school, sometimes into-the-night work. But who would mind these gruelling hours, if only he could share in all these mysteries behind closed doors.

Leaving to Solicit Ads

Lawrence Rooks, Grady Winstead,
William Proctor, B. J. Wheelless,
Donald Smith, Joseph Arnold.

Bee Hive Plans in the Making

Rosa Moore, Jewel Greene, Mrs.
Gordon, Willa Rae Bowen, Catherine
Smith.



Benvenue Star



Managers

Bobby Talbott - Donald Capps



Editor-in-Chief.....Billy Dunn
Assistant Editor.....Joan Boseman

The students in the second year typing class publish a fifteen page mimeographed paper monthly for the benefit and pleasure of the Benvenue Students. In the near future we aim:
To promote a regular journalism class.

To become a member of the National Scholastic Press Association.

At Work Preparing The Next Issue

SEATED: Marjorie Griffin, Hazel Morris, Barbara Stirewalt.
STANDING: Sylvia Crickmore, Ethel Greene, Betty Doris Batts.



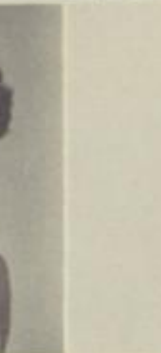


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Beta Club

The National Beta Club is a leadership service club for high school students of America. The purpose is to encourage effort, to promote character, to stimulate achievement, to cultivate leadership qualities, to reward merit, and to encourage students to continue their education after high school graduation.



ROW ONE: Robert Alford, President; George Davis, Vice-President; Mrs. Laura Matthews, Sponsor; Joan Boseman, Secretary-Treasurer; Alice Marie Bulluck, Reporter. ROW TWO: Joseph Arnold, Mary Frances Barnes, Willa Rae Bowen, Rubert Daniel, Billy Dunn, Eugene Godwin. LEFT: Johnny Griffin, Marjorie Griffin. RIGHT: Charles Hayes, Jane Hill. ROW THREE: Gold Joyner, Rosa Moore, G.C. Pridgen, William Riley, Catherine Smith, Billy Stancil. ROW FOUR: Barbara Stirewalt, William Strum, Bobby Talbott, Nancy Walker, Julia Ward.



David Winstead.....President
 Gold Joyner.....Vice-President
 Joseph Harper.....Secretary
 William Riley.....Treasurer
 J. C. Morris.....Reporter
 George Crickmore.....Sentinel
 Mr. J. E. Lamm.....Advisor

The Benvenue Chapter of the Future Farmers of America is composed of students of Vocational Agriculture of Benvenue High School. The aims and purposes of the club are: to create a love for country life, to encourage members to improve their homes and farms, to participate in co-operative effort to encourage thrift, to encourage improvement in scholarship, develop leadership and strive to develop good wholesome forms of recreation.

FIRST ROW: G. C. Pridgen, Joseph Harper, Charles Davis, Eugene Patterson, Wayne Jessup, Lester Weaver, Carlton Williams, Raybon Bone, Kenneth Wood, Charles Overton, Donald Winstead, Ranny Griffin. SECOND ROW: David Winstead, James Suggs, B. J. Wheelless, George Crickmore, William Proctor, Charlie Batts, J. T. Raper, Jake Davis, Grady Winstead, Joseph Arnold, Johnny Griffin, Mr. J. E. Lamm. THIRD ROW: Gold Joyner, William Riley, Randolph Edwards, Roger Sturtevant, Ronald Hartman, Cortel Fisher, Rubert Daniel, Billy Hill. FOURTH ROW: Arthur Butler, Billy Alford, Frank Weaver, Charles Ellis, Ray Pearsall, J. C. Morris.





Catherine Smith.....President
Doris Chewning.....Vice-President
Patsy Jackson.....Secretary
Evelyn Rogers.....Treasurer
Mrs. Laura Matthews.....Advisor



The Benvenue Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America is one of the strongest clubs in school. It boasts of a membership of eighty-five. The aims and purposes of the club are: To promote a growing appreciation of the joys and satisfactions of homemaking; to work for good home and family life for all; to foster the development of creative leadership; and to provide wholesome individual and group recreation.

FIRST ROW: Dorothy Pope, Edna Pope, Evelyn Rogers, Catherine Smith, Doris Chewning, Patsy Jackson, Janet Campbell, Evelyn Howell. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Laura Matthews, Dorothy Reams, Faye Hyde, Hazel Morris, Ethel Greene, Jo Ann Williams, Nadine Butler, Jewel Bone, Peggy Blackburn, Nancy Bland, Phyllis Taylor, Jean Williams, Earline Langley. THIRD ROW: Helen Sessoms, Duke Land, Ronace Joyner, Ella Bradshaw, Catherine May, Katie Wheeler, Audrey Viverette, Marjorie Griffin, Eleanor Brown, Helen Davis, Tempie Griffin, Lois Pridgen, Elmyra Walton. FOURTH ROW: Julia Harper, Catherine Hondros, Mary L. Griffin, Verona Thomas, Peggy Tyson, Shirley Boone, Rosa Moore, Edna Woodcock, Bonnie Rooks, Hazel Viverette, Shirley House, Evelyn Butler, Fidelia Griffin. FIFTH ROW: Edna Raper, Barbara Blandford, Mary Baines, Virginia Daughtridge, Tempie Nines, Joyce Sears, Doris Collie, Georgia Lewis, Margaret Hardy, Evelyn Drake, Fanny Long, Patricia Watson, Peggy Dunn. SIXTH ROW: Annie Riley, Peggy Garriss, Thelma Freeman, Rita Cobb, Helen Harrell, Jane Needham, Jane Strum, Barbara Puette, Edith Martin, Ann Lucas, Jane Proctor, Yvonne Daughtridge. SEVENTH ROW: Niki Robbins, Marie McNeely, Alice Arp, Doris Winfree, Shirley Harper, Phyllis Waters, Marsha Coley, Betty Jo Langley, Syrl Harris, Shelby Davis, Peggy Dixon, Meco Morris.



Future Homemakers of America



ROW ONE: Joan Taylor, Hazel Morris, Ethel Greene, Jean Flood, Edith Layton. ROW TWO: Mr. W.M. Patterson, Nancy Walker, Doris Collie, Jewel Bone, Sylvia Crickmore, Lillie Hicks, Doris Chewning, Mildred Spivey, Donald Winstead. ROW THREE: Jo Ann Williams, Betty Doris Batts, Almair Blanton, Harry Baines, Larry Campbell, Charles Hayes, William Proctor, Darrell Taylor. ROW FOUR: Bobby Talbott, Margaret Hardy, Virginia Ramsey, Billy Stancil, Melvin Paris, Donald Smith, Lawrence Rooks, Johnny Gardner.

Dramatic Club

THE DRAMATICS CLUB, composed of students interested in any phase of dramatics and speech improvement, aims to create an active interest in dramatics, develop dramatic talent, enable students to appear before the public, and encourage creative writing.



What takes place before the curtain call. Nancy Walker in a thoughtful study of the profile of Jean Flood. Jewel Bone applying the right make up for Darrell Taylor in THE CITY SLICKER AND OUR NELL.



First Row: Peggy Blackburn, Frank Mayo, Peggy Tyson, Patsy Jackson, Doris Winfree, Christine Everett, Edna Dixon, Mildred Spivey, Bobby Wallace, Edna Pope, Evelyn Howell. Row Two: Margaret Hardy, Barbara McDonald, Joan Taylor, Patricia Atkins, Ella Mae Riley, Joyce Freeman, Alice Lucas, Linda Leonard, Zora Shipmen, Harriet Moore, Gene Rooks. Row Three: Charles Hayes, Charles Ellis, Syrl Harris, Louise Alford, Faye Hedgepeth, Crayton Overton, Bobby Rowland, Meredith Ward, Virginia Ramsey, Jeffrey Cobb. Row Four: Don Crickmore, William Cooke, J.D. Moss, Donald Winstead, Don Davis, Ray Wood, Kenneth Wood, Don Harris, and Mark Moore.

Glee Club

	Our Glee Club work is in its infancy but this year there has been a growing interest
	manifested. Under the direction of Mrs. Beecher Patterson, the Club participated in
	the Christmas Cantata and the Easter Cantata. The purposes of the Club are: To teach
	an appreciation of the best in music; To give pupils the chance to develop their own
	musical talents; To afford them the opportunity of singing for pleasure and enjoyment.



Safety

First

Last

And

Foremost

G. C. Pridgen, J. T. Raper, George Davis, William Proctor, Bobby Williams, Joan Boseman, Marjorie Griffin, Janet Campbell, Willa Rae Bowen, and Billy Alford.

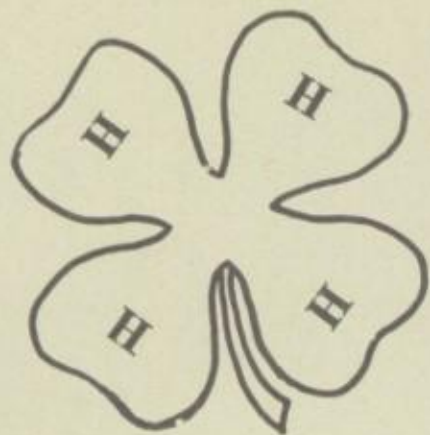
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FIRST ROW: Mary Lewis Griffin, Julius Capps, Eugene Patterson, Viola Russ, Edward Williams, Mr. Alton E. Dail. SECOND ROW: Clayton Andrews, Jake Davis, Charles Ramsey, Parnell Hudson, Evelyn Rogers, Roger Sturtevant.





*To Make
The Best
Better*



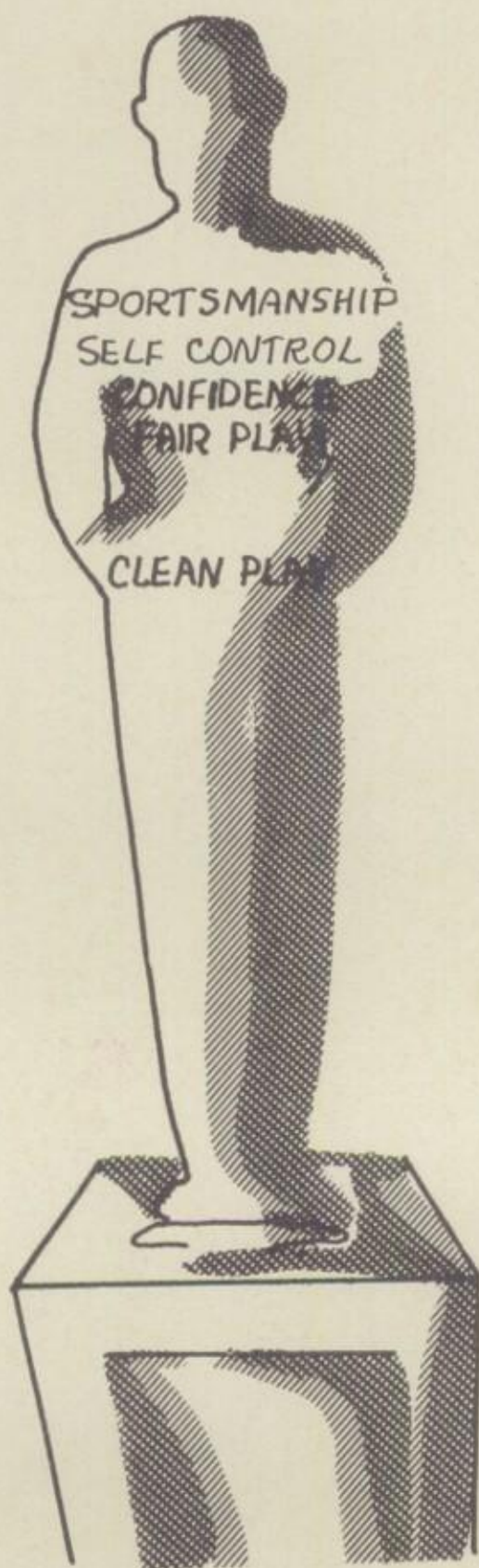
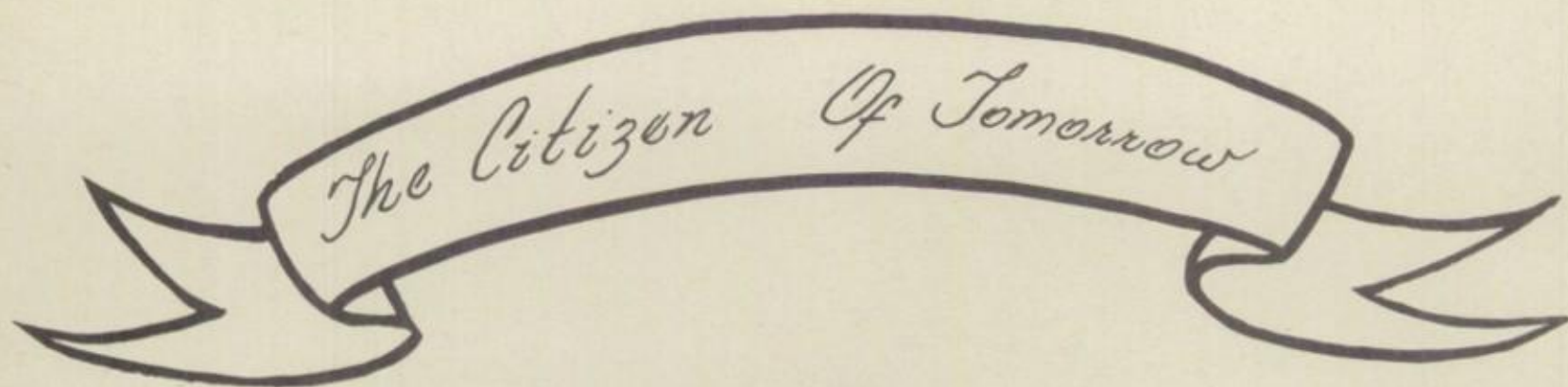
President, Rosa Moore; Vice-President, Cortel Fisher; Secretary-Treasurer, Marjorie Griffin; Song Leaders, Nadine Butler, Charles Hayes.

The 4-H Club is an organization of rural youth which provides ample opportunity, "to learn to do by doing," thus bringing about effective service in the home, on the farms, and in the community.

4-H Club

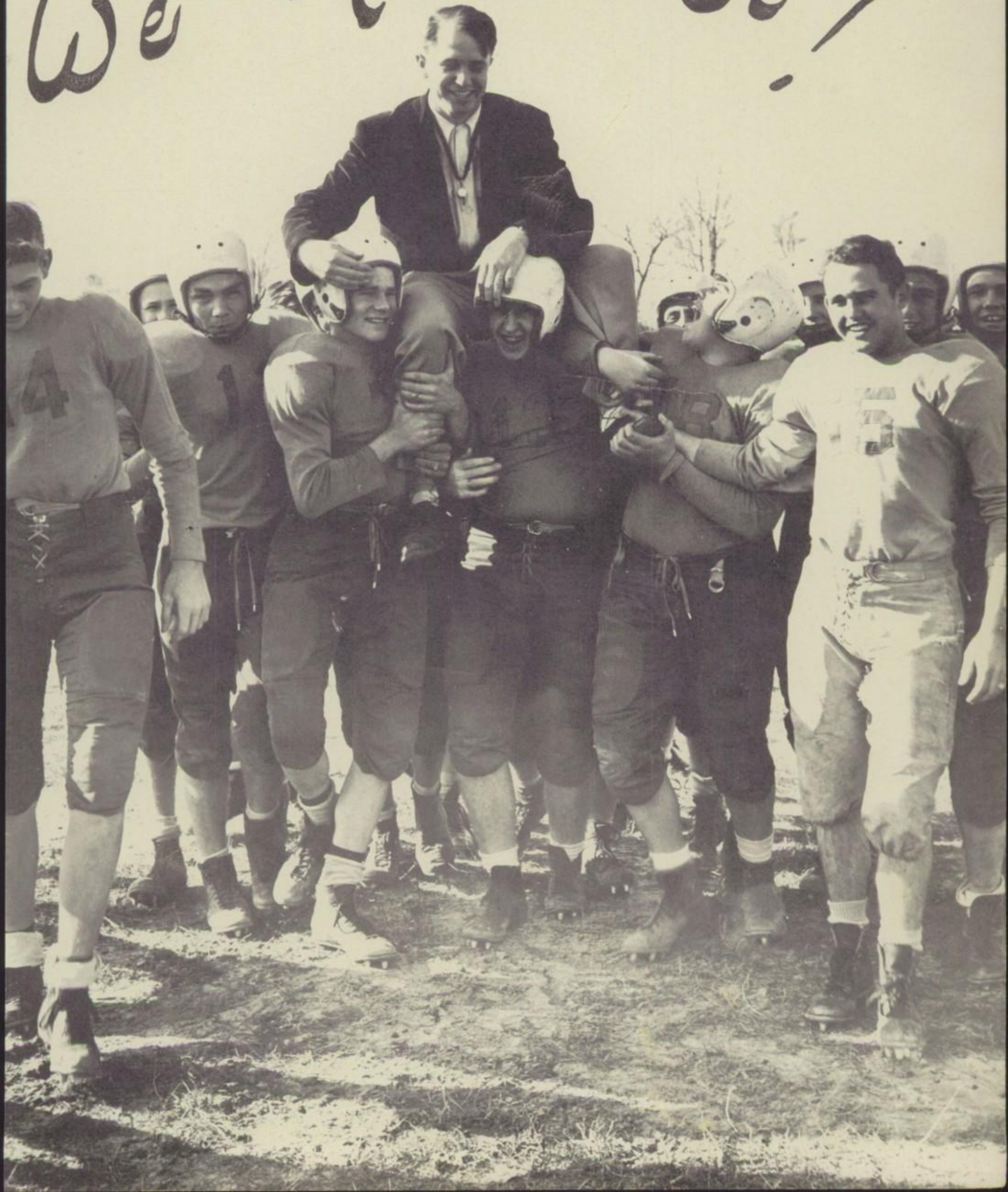
First Row: Ronald Hartman, J.C. Morris, Charles Ramsey, Charles Hayes, Cortel Fisher, Rosa Moore, Marjorie Griffin, Nadine Butler, Donald Smith, Syrl Harris, Doris Winfree. Second Row: Margaret Hardy, Hazel Viverette, Edna Pope, Dorothy Pope, Shirley House, Jean Flood, Eleanor Brown, Lois Pridgen, Duke Land, Jean Armstrong. Third Row: Bonnie Rooks, Audrey Viverette, Edith Martin, Mary Frances Baines, Connie Baines, Rita Cobb. Fourth Row: Clayton Andrews, Mary Lewis Griffin, Harry Baines, William Procter, Edna Raper, Catherine Smith, Earline Langley, Virginia Ramsey, Annie Riley, Meco Morris, Edith Layton. Fifth Row: Billy Alford, David Winstead.





Sports

We Made It!





Football Squad

Row One: Julius Capps, Randolph Edwards, B.J. Wheelless, Kenneth Wood, Tommy Hayes, James Dixon, Charles Ellis, Frank Weaver, Bobby Arnold. Row Two: Melvin Pittman, Bobby Moss, Charlie Batts, Bob Weeks, Ronald Hartman, George Davis, David Winstead, Cortel Fisher, Coach "Bill" Griffin. Row Three: Marvin Smith, Bobby Williams, Arthur Butler, Dennis Bennett, Charles Ramsey, Johnny Pierce, William Strum, Ranny Griffin, Bobby Talbott, Frosty Riley, J.C. Morris.



Co-Captain
Bobby Talbott

WON

Snow Hill	25-0
Wakelon	26-0
Millbrook	26-0
Franklinton	27-0
Nashville	6-0



Coach
"Bill" Griffin

TIED

Cathedral Latin	13-13
Spring Hope	6-6



Co-Captain
George Davis

LOST

Scotland Neck	25-0
Wendell	27-24
Robersonville	14-0



Bob "grabs" a pass.



Dix's stance



David tackles



Moss passes



Dennis bucks line



Benvenue huddle



Charlie and Dennis lead George



"rock-a-bye-baby"



"association's pay-off"



"touch those heels"



Frank "swags"



Speight "centers"



"Frosty" recovers



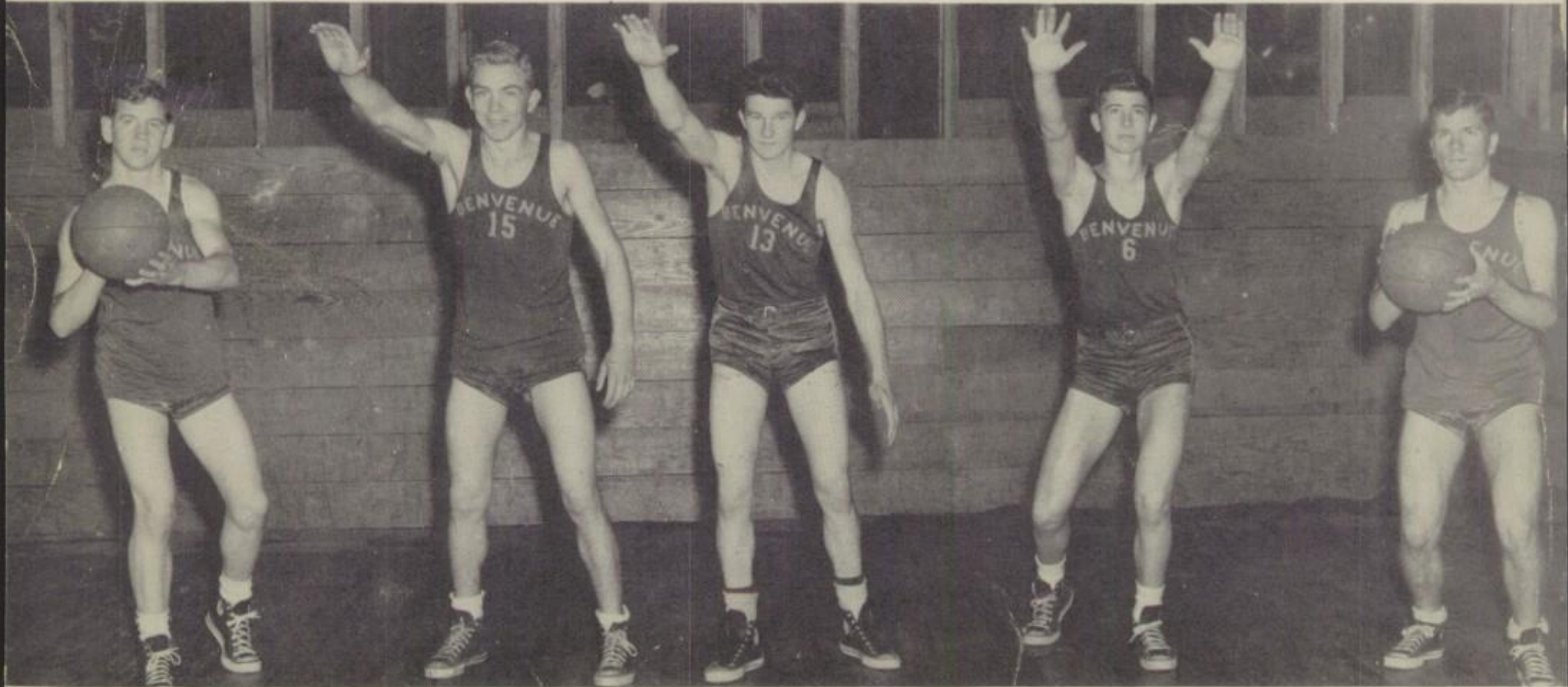
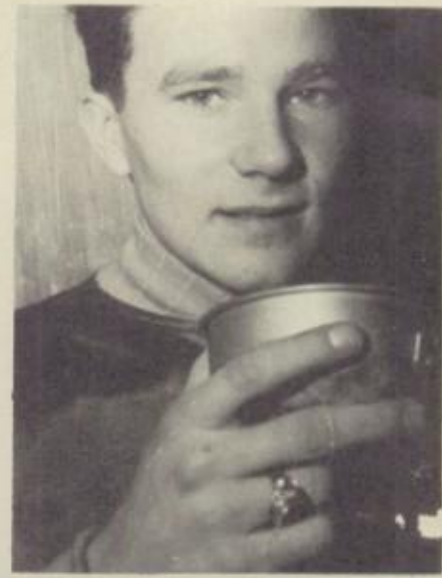
Moose "hits 'em hard"

Boys' Basketball

Co-Captain
George Davis



Co-Captain
Bob Weeks



Moss

Weaver

Weeks

Pridgen

Davis

Front Row: G.C. Pridgen, Bobby Moss, Bob Weeks, George Davis, Frank Weaver. Back Row: Manager, Julius Capps, Johnny Griffin, J.C. Morris, Larry Campbell, Rubert Daniel, Ray Pearsall, James Dixon, Dennis Bennett, Marvin Smith, Coach, "Bill" Griffin.



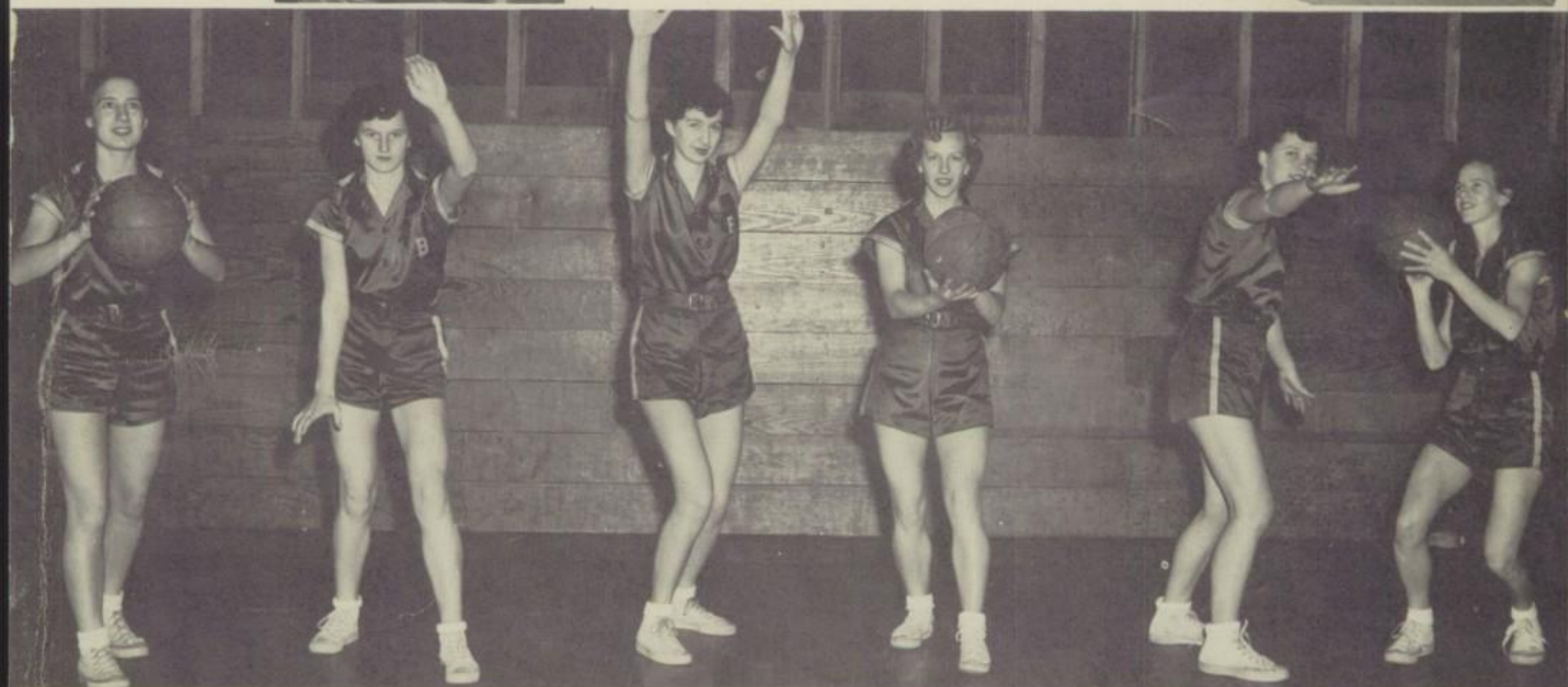


Co-Captain
Janet Campbell



Co-Captain
Catherine Smith

Girls' Basketball



Griffin

Raper

Smith

Campbell

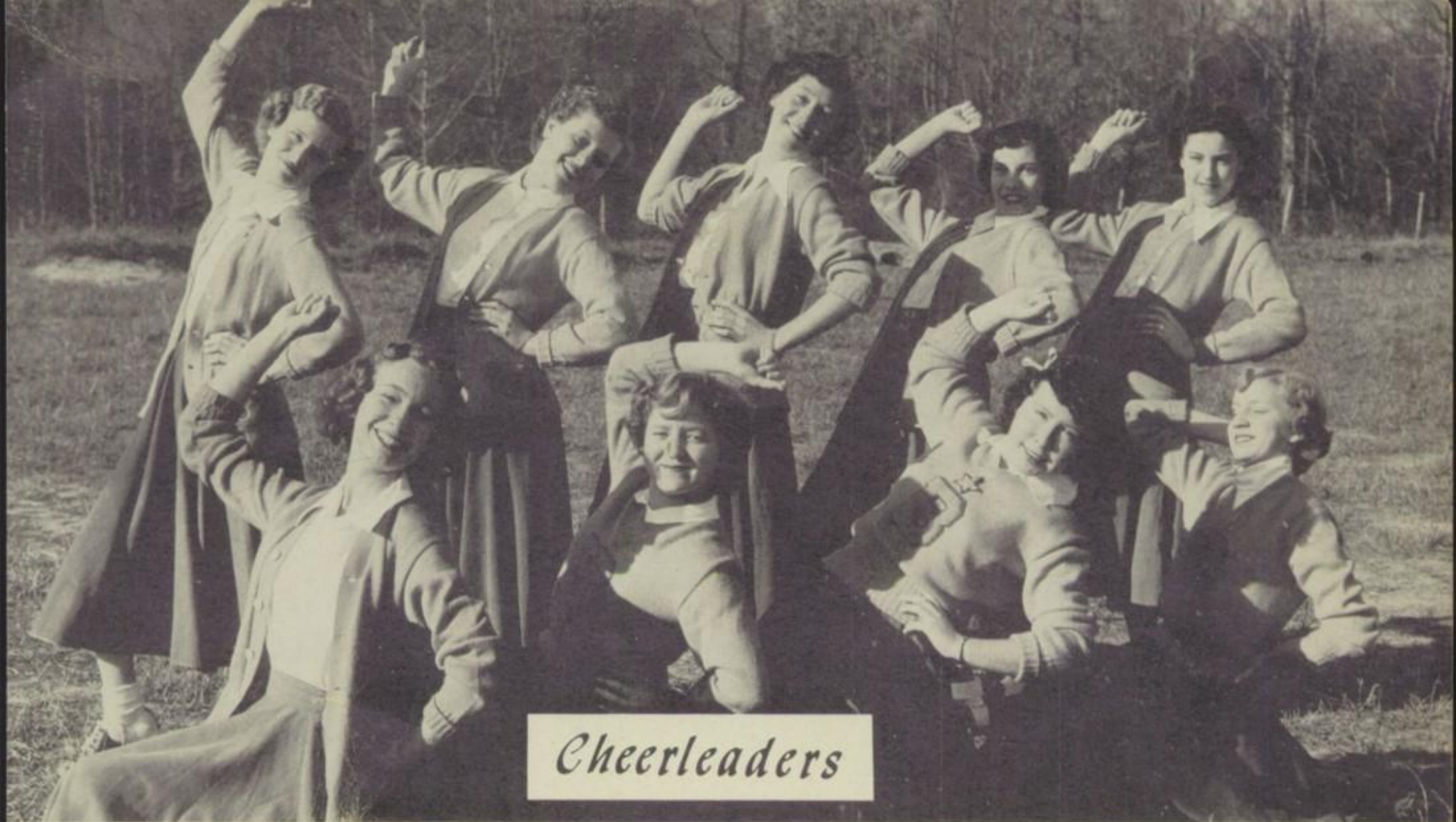
Dixon

Chewning

FRONT ROW: Marjorie Griffin, Janet Campbell, Catherine Smith, Doris Chewning, Edna Raper, Peggy Dixon. BACK ROW: Coach, "Bill" Griffin; Rosa Moore, Fidelia Griffin, Jean Flood, Jo Ann Williams, Ann Lucas, Barbara Blanford, Mary Lewis Griffin, Betty Jo Langley, Julia Mae Harper, Shirley House, Manager, Jane Proctor.







Cheerleaders

Mary Lewis Griffin, Nadine Butler, Rosa Moore, Head Cheerleader; Evelyn Butler. STANDING: Jewel Bone, Patsy Jackson, Jean Armstrong, Syrl Harris, Doris Winfree.

The faithful cheerleaders are always there to boost the morale of the team.

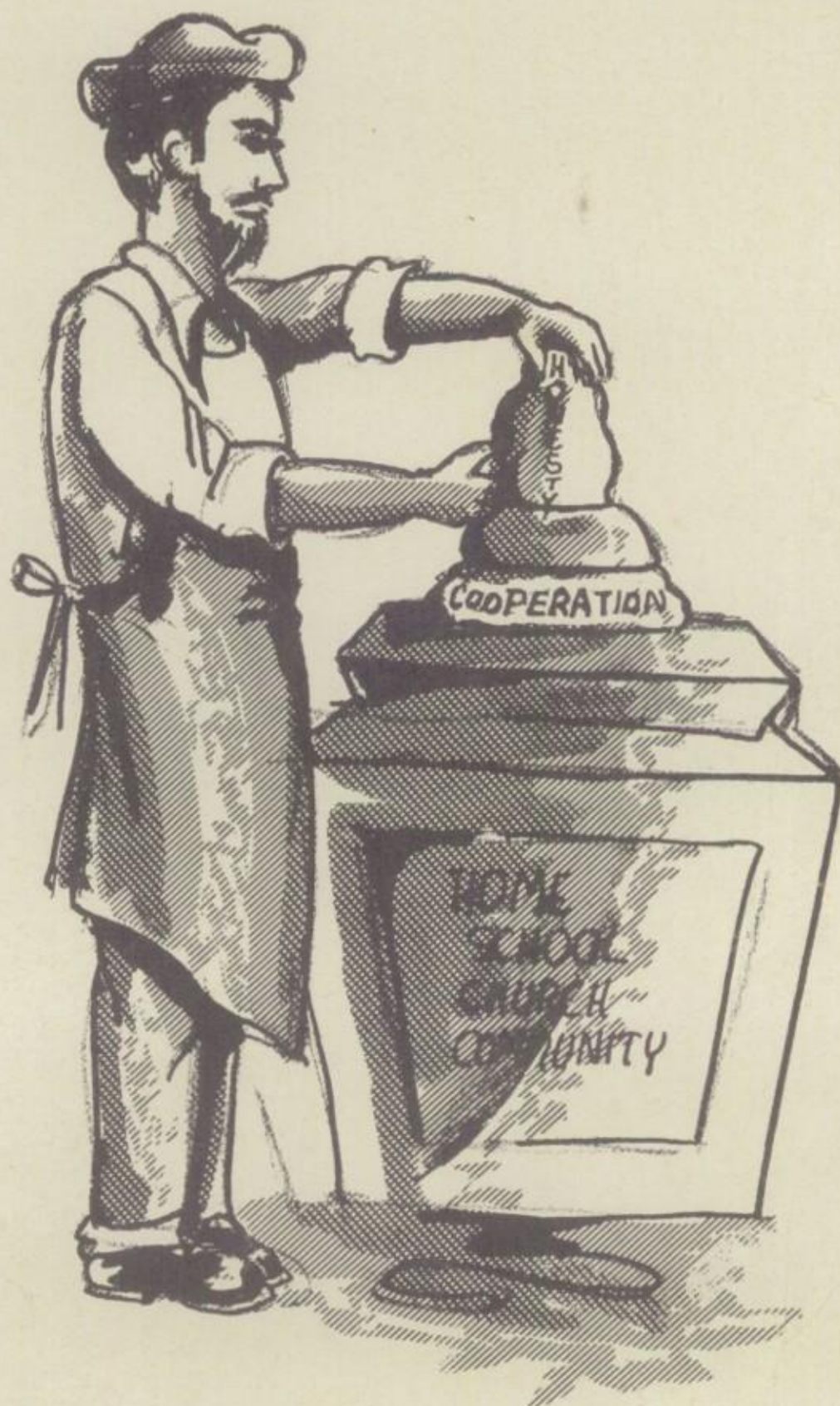
With spring, comes baseball at Benvenue

SEATED: Charles Ramsey, Eugene Godwin, J.C. Morris, Charles Ellis, Johnny Griffin, Darrell Taylor. STANDING: Julius Capps, Manager; Bobby Talbott, Larry Campbell, Kenneth Wood, Frank Weaver, James Dixon, G.C. Pridgen, Randolph Edwards, George Davis, Coach, "Bill" Griffin.



Baseball

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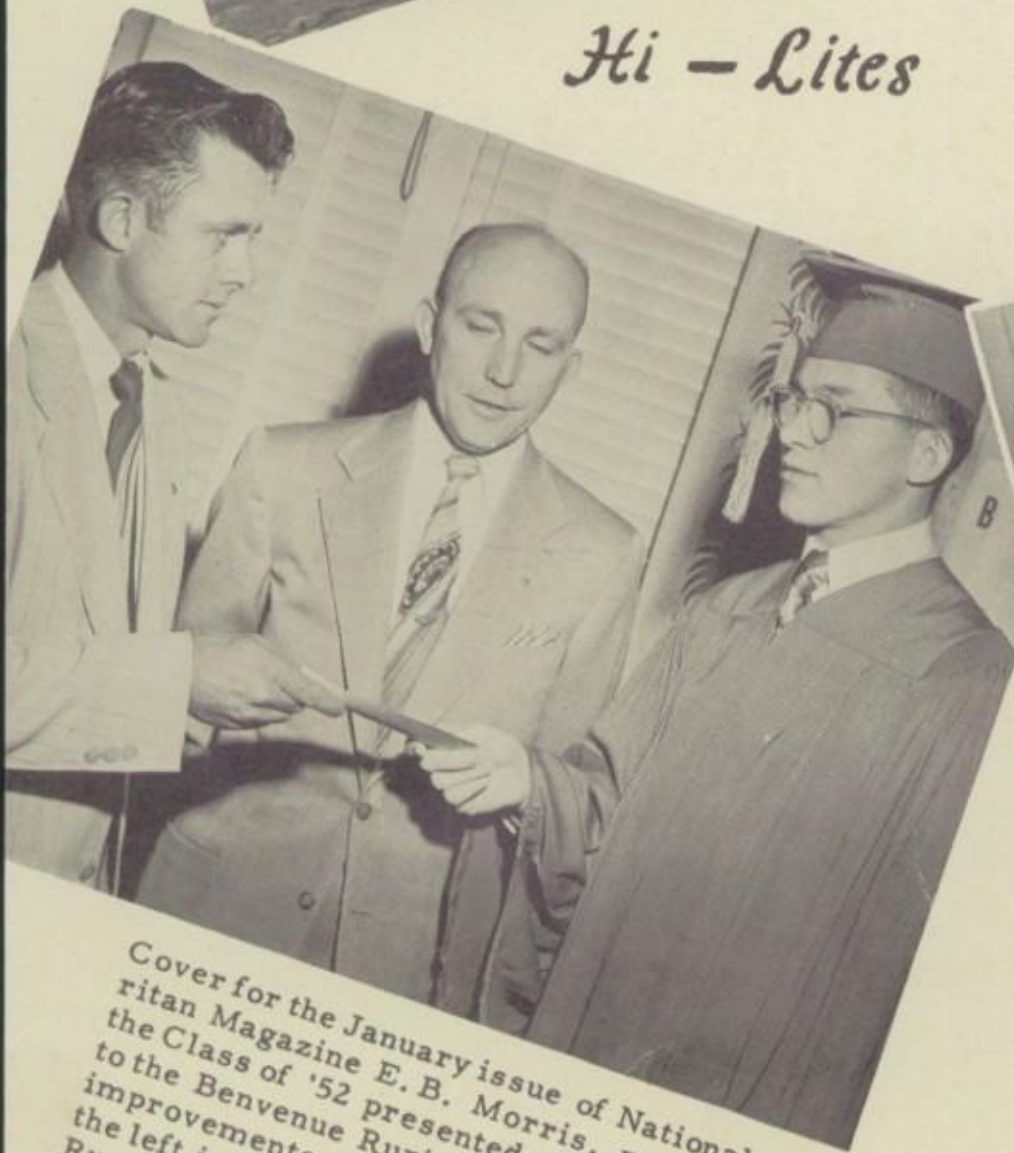


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Hi - Lites Of Benvenue



Cover for the January issue of National Ruritan Magazine E. B. Morris, president of the Class of '52 presented a check for \$500 to the Benvenue Ruritan Club for continued improvements to the school grounds. On the left is R. R. Boseman, president of the Ruritans; in the center, R. B. Gordon, Benvenue Principal.



Joan Taylor, winner of Jaycee--sponsored Voice of Democracy contest, is awarded a silver serving tray. To the right of winner is Bill Thorpe and Elwood Mixon Jaycee members. Standing by Joan is W.M. "Pat" Patterson, the winner's instructor at Benvenue.

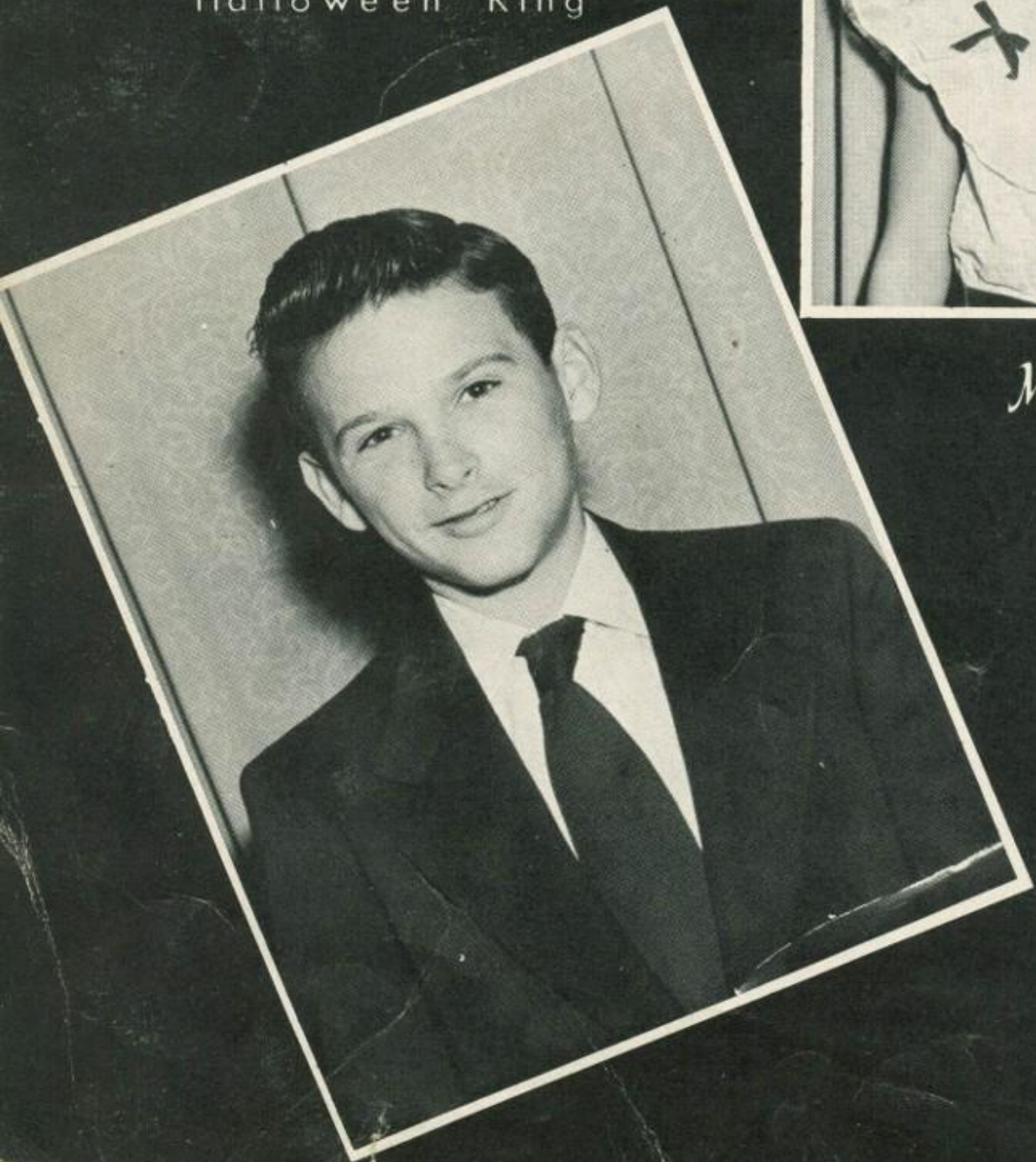


Parnell Hudson

Halloween King

Mark Moore

Halloween King



Mary E. Overton

Halloween Queen

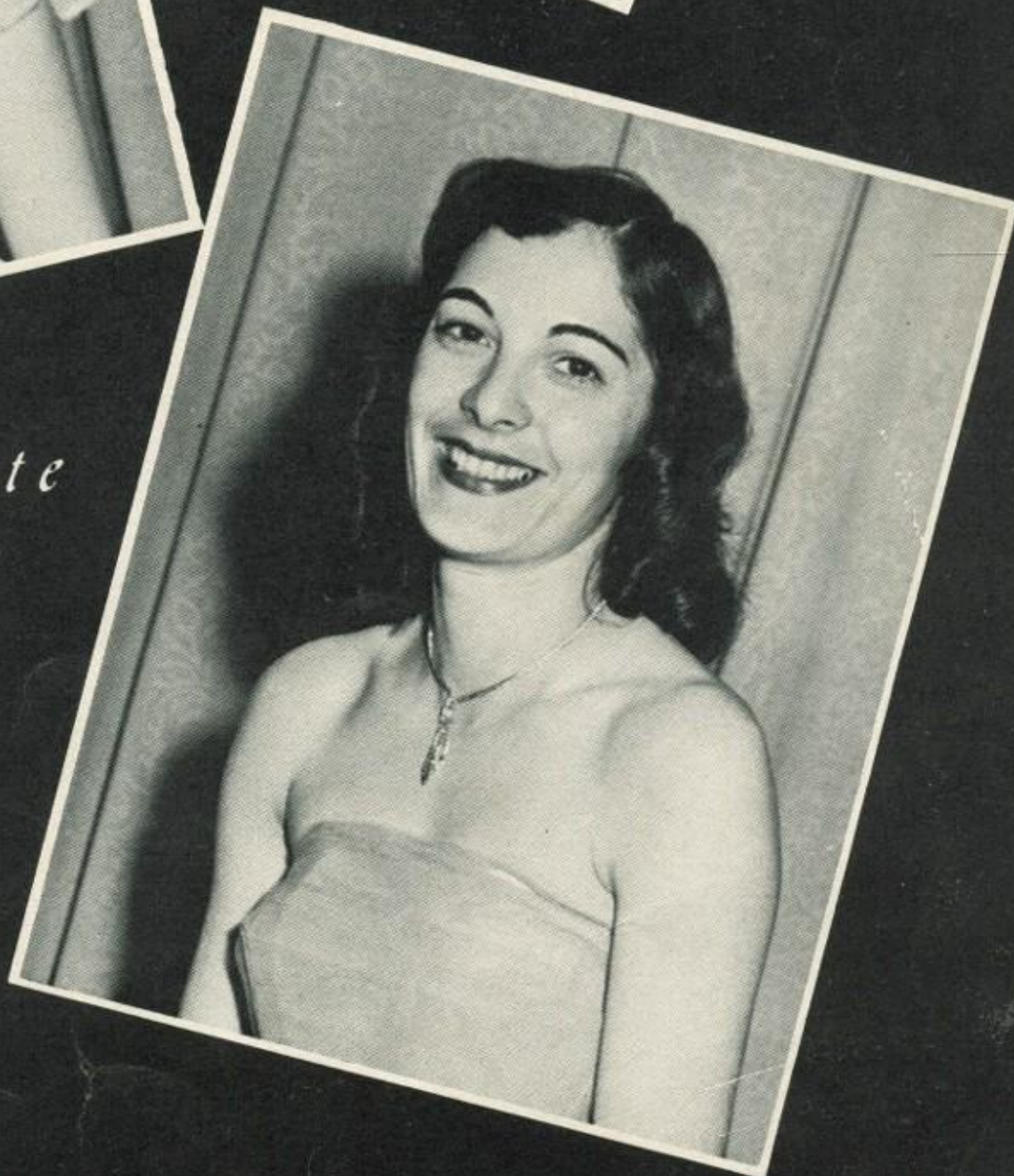
Bobby Harper

Halloween King

Julia Mae Harper
Campus Sweetheart



Peggy Jo Puette
Halloween Queen



Catherine Hondros
Halloween Queen



SEATED: Catherine Smith, Rosa Moore, Chief; Willa Rae Bowen, Joan Boseman. STANDING: Charles Hayes.

Marshals

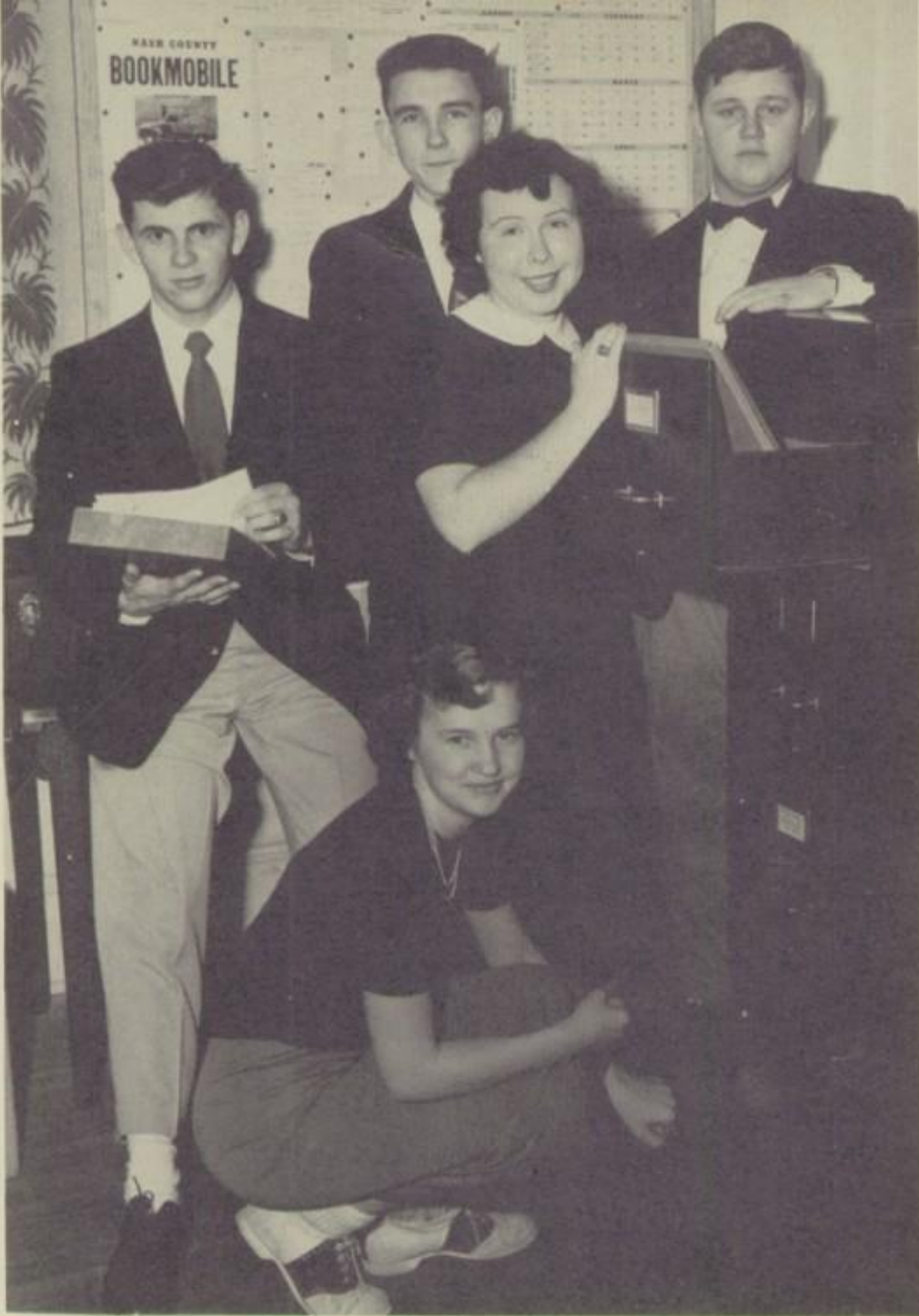
Determining factors in the selection of Marshals are such qualities as tact, dignity and graciousness with a high scholarship attainment.



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 E. D. Joyner

The Benvenue School Board is composed of men who have made their contributions wisely to the development of youth. They are loyal to an institution which builds for democratic citizenship.



Students Gain Through Service

The students in Benvenue make and carry out their plans co-operatively with a sense of responsibility. By actual experience they train themselves to stand squarely and courageously as defenders and promoters of the principles of their American heritage of freedom.

Office Workers

Evelyn Howell, Donald Capps, Rosa Moore, and Charles Hayes, Bobby Talbott.

Principal, Mr. Gordon

Mr. Gordon, who is a civic leader in his community, is a strong advocate of the advancement and education of youth. He is an ardent believer that character development is the great, if not the sole, aim of education. Faculty and students go to him for advice, counsel and help.





*Benuewe F. H. A. Float Winner In
Nash County Harvest Festival*



G.C. Pridgen
"Julia" Mother of Ten



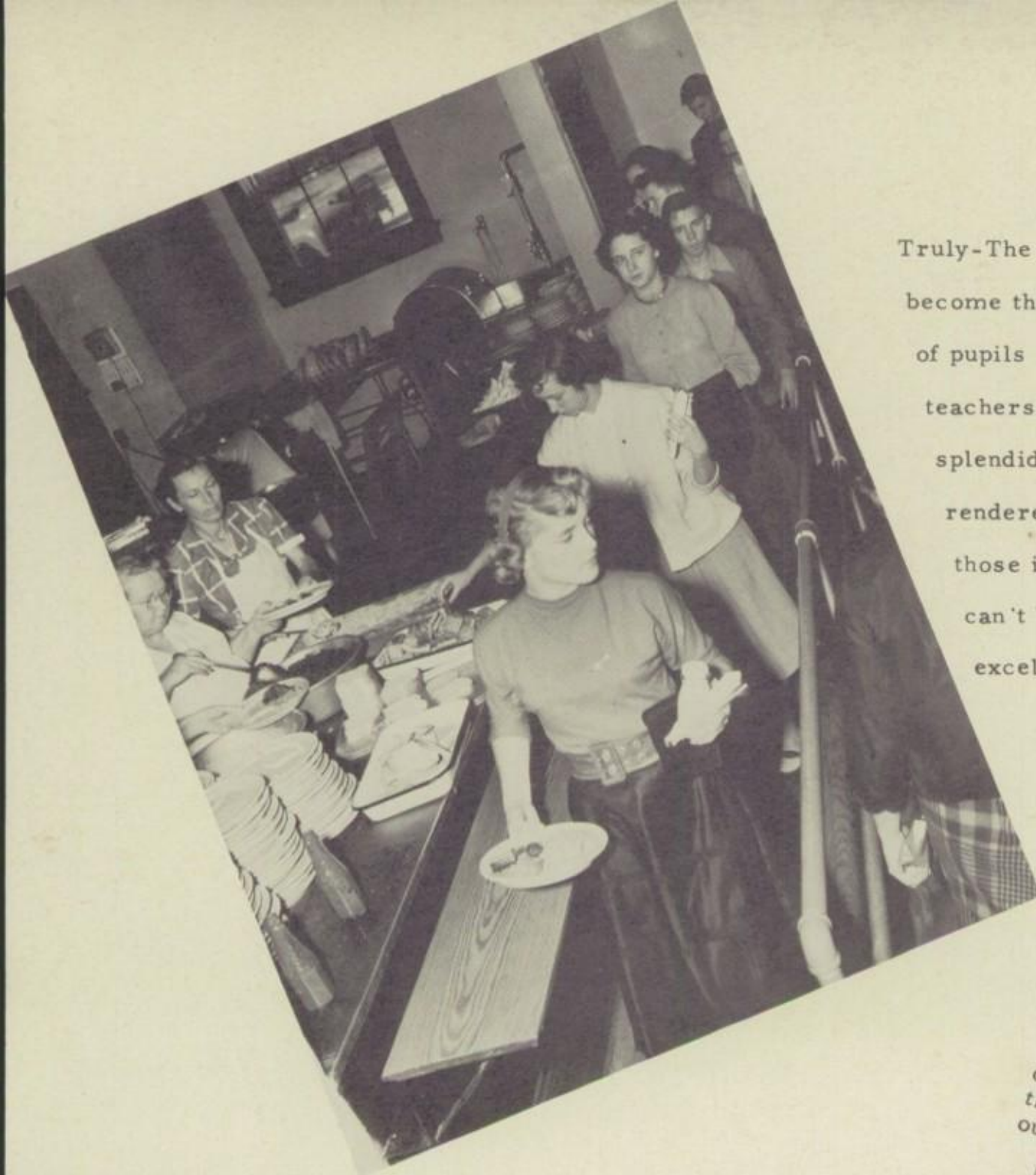
Gold Joyner
Cover Crop



Johnny Griffin
Milking Time



Randolph Edwards - Soil Testing



Truly-The Lunch Room has become the favorite haunt of pupils as well as teachers. The splendid service rendered by those in charge can't be excelled.

Janitor's Service

Hugh is the one who is always on the job at Benvenue. His willingness to accommodate and his faithfulness play their part in the operation of a satisfactory program in our school.



Hugh Thorp, Mrs. B.H. Saunders, Manager; Mrs. Eva Harper, Mrs. Jesse Pridgen, Mrs. Gladys Harper, Estelle Freer, Elizabeth Freer, Addie Belle Freer.



Senior Statistics

ROBERT EARL ALFORD

Red Oak 1; F.F.A. 1; Beta Club 3, 4; Beta Club President 4; Baseball 2; Basketball 2, 3; Dramatics Club 3; Glee Club 1; Junior Play; Senior Superlative.

WILLIS OLIVER ALFORD

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Swine Judging Contest Winner.

JOSEPH WILEY ARNOLD

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Football 3; Vice-President 3.

BETTY DORIS BATTS

Treasurer 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 3; Dramatics Club 4; 4-H Club 1, 2.

LELA ALMAIR BLANTON

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Dramatics Club 4.

BETTY JOAN BOSEMAN

Vice-President 1; F.H.A. 1, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 1; Junior Play; Beta Club 3, 4; Beta Club Secretary-Treasurer 3, 4; Bus Driver 4; Assistant Editor of Star 4; Marshall 3; W O W American History Award 3; Senior Superlative.

WILLA RAE BOWEN

Secretary-Treasurer 1; F.H.A. 1, 3; Glee Club 2, 3; Junior Play; Beta Club 3, 4; Bus Driver 4; Marshall 3.

ARTHUR SLOAN BUTLER, JR.

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Football 3, 4.

JANET BRYAN CAMPBELL

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2; Dramatics Club 3; Nash-Franklin County F.H.A. Treasurer; Halloween Queen 2; President 3; F.H.A. President 3; Glee Club 2, 3; Basketball Co-Captain 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Junior & Chapter Degrees in F.H.A.; Annual Business Manager 4; Senior Superlative.

DONALD MORGAN CAPPS

Basketball 3; F.F.A. 1, 2; 4-H Club Secretary 1; Senior Superlative.

DORIS FRANCES CHEWNING

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Scrapbook Chairman 2; F.H.A. Vice-President 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Co-Captain 3; Dramatics Club 4; Softball 1, 2.

SYLVIA LEIGH CRICKMORE

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Dramatics Club 4.

GEORGE RAY DAVIS

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club Vice-President 3, 4; Football Co-Captain 3, 4; Basketball Co-Captain 4; Basketball Captain 3; Star Staff 4; Senior Superlative.

ARVID DALTON DUNN

F.F.A. 1; Cheerleader 2; Beta Club 3, 4; Junior Play; Star Editor 4; Senior Superlative.

BETTIE JEAN FLOOD

R.M.H.S. 1; Michigan 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club 1, 2, 3; Girls Club 2, 3; Band-Orchestra 2, 3; Cheerleader 3; Junior Play; 4-H Club 4; Dramatics Club 4.

JOHN HENRY GARDNER

R.M.H.S. 1; Dramatics Club 4; Dramatics Presentation 4; Baseball 4.

ELSIE MARIE GREENE

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 4.

JEWEL VANN GREENE

Basketball 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 2; Dramatics Club 3; Glee Club 3; Dramatics Play 3; Junior Play; 4-H Club 2; Star Staff 4; Senior Superlative.

MARJORIE OVERTON GRIFFIN

Beta Club 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 2; Softball 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Star Staff 4; 4-H Club President 3; 4-H Club Secretary-Treasurer 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3.

CHARLES EDWARD HAYES

Red Oak 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club Songleader 3, 4; F.F.A. 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Class Reporter 3; Junior Play; Dramatics Club 4; Marshall 3; Senior Superlative.

MARY LILLIE HICKS

F.H.A. 1, 2; Dramatics Club 4.

IVA EVELYN HOWELL

F.H.A. 1, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. Song Leader 4; Secretary 4; Dramatics Club 3.

LETHA EARLINE LANGLEY

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2, 4; Cheerleader 2; Class Reporter 1; Dramatics Club 3.

Senior Statistics

ROSA MAE MOORE

Whitakers 1; Secretary-Treasurer 2; Vice-President of 4-H Club 2; 4-H President 4; 4-H Club Secretary-Treasurer 4; Chief Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Dramatics Play 3; Junior Play; Glee Club 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Chief Marshall 3; Annual Art-Editor; Basketball 1, 4.

HAZEL ELIZABETH MORRIS

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1; Dramatics Club 4; Star Staff 4.

MELVIN LEE PARIS

Dramatics Club 4.

MARY JANE PROCTOR

F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3; Assistant Play Director 3; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Manager 4; Vice-President 4; Star Staff 4.

WILLIAM EDWARD PROCTOR

F. F. A. 1, 2, 4; Dramatics Club 4; West Edgecombe 1; Junior Play; Bus Driver 4; Winner of Tool Identification Contest 2.

JOHNNIE THOMAS RAPER

F. F. A. 1, 2, 4; Basketball 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Bus Driver 3, 4.

LAWRENCE PARKER ROOKS

Baseball 2, 4; Dramatics Club 4.

ELLA CATHERINE SMITH

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. Reporter 3; F. H. A. President 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 4; Marshall 3; Secretary 3; Annual Editor 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Class Reporter 2; Softball 1, 2; Junior Play; Star Staff 4; Junior & Chapter Degrees in F. H. A. Basketball Co-Captain 4; Senior Superlative.

DONALD ROYCE SMITH

Halloween Play 2; Junior Play; Dramatics Club 4; Dramatics Play 4.

MILDRED JOSEPHINE SPIVEY

F. H. A. 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Dramatics Club 4; Treasurer 3, 4; 4-H Club 3; Senior Superlative.

HERMERLEE STANCIL

F. F. A. 1; 4-H Club 1; Football 2; Junior Play; President 4; Dramatics Club 4; Star Staff 4; Senior Superlative.

BARBARA ANN STIREWALT

Tarboro 1; Cincinnati & Tarboro 2; Norfolk, Va. 3; Beta Club 4; Glee Club 1; French Club 2; Star Staff 4.

BOBBY SPEIGHT TALBOTT

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Football Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Dramatics Club 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Star Staff 4; Football's Most Valuable Player's Award 4.

CARSON DARRELL TAYLOR

Baseball 2, 3; Football 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Dramatics Club 4; Dramatics Play 4; Star Staff 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Superlative.

JOAN TAYLOR

Nashville 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2; Dramatics Club 2, 4; F. H. A. 2, 3.

NANCY VICK WALKER

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Dramatics Club 4; Senior Superlative.

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F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4.

ROBERT BELL WEEKS

Basketball 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Junior Play.

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JO ANN WILLIAMS

Basketball 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 4; Dramatics Club 4; Junior Play.

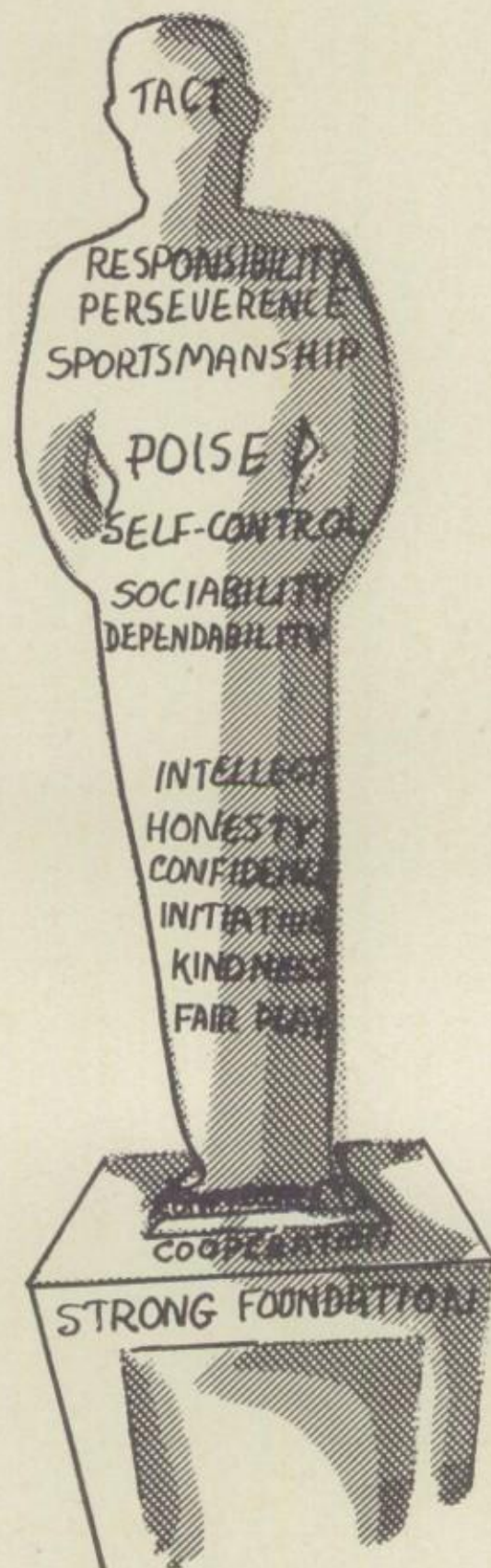
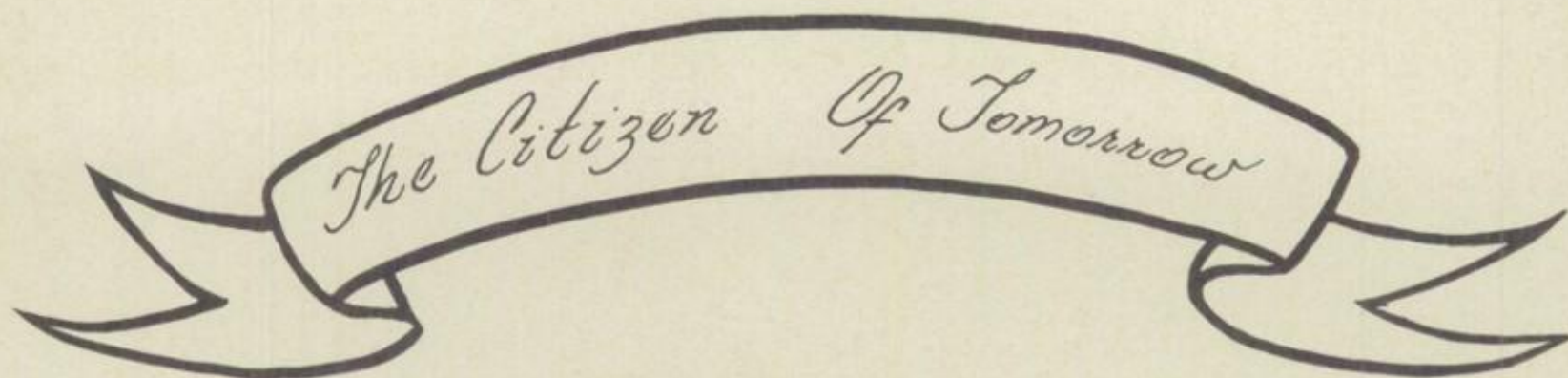
GRADY HOWELL WINSTEAD

F. F. A. 2, 3, 4; Winner of Tool Identification Contest 2; Dramatics Club 4; Football 3.

JAMES DAVID WINSTEAD

President 2; Dramatics Club 3; Play Manager 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. President 3, 4; Glee Club 3; Football 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. State Farmer's Degree 3; Best Sport in Football 2, 3, 4; Senior Superlative.





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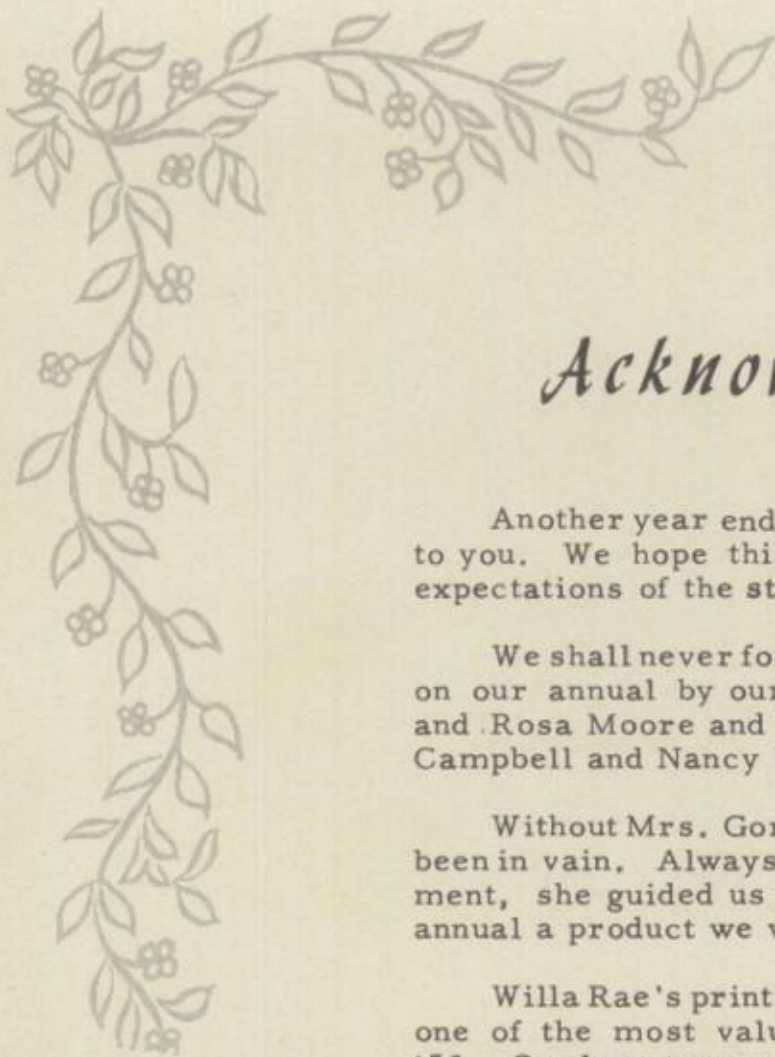
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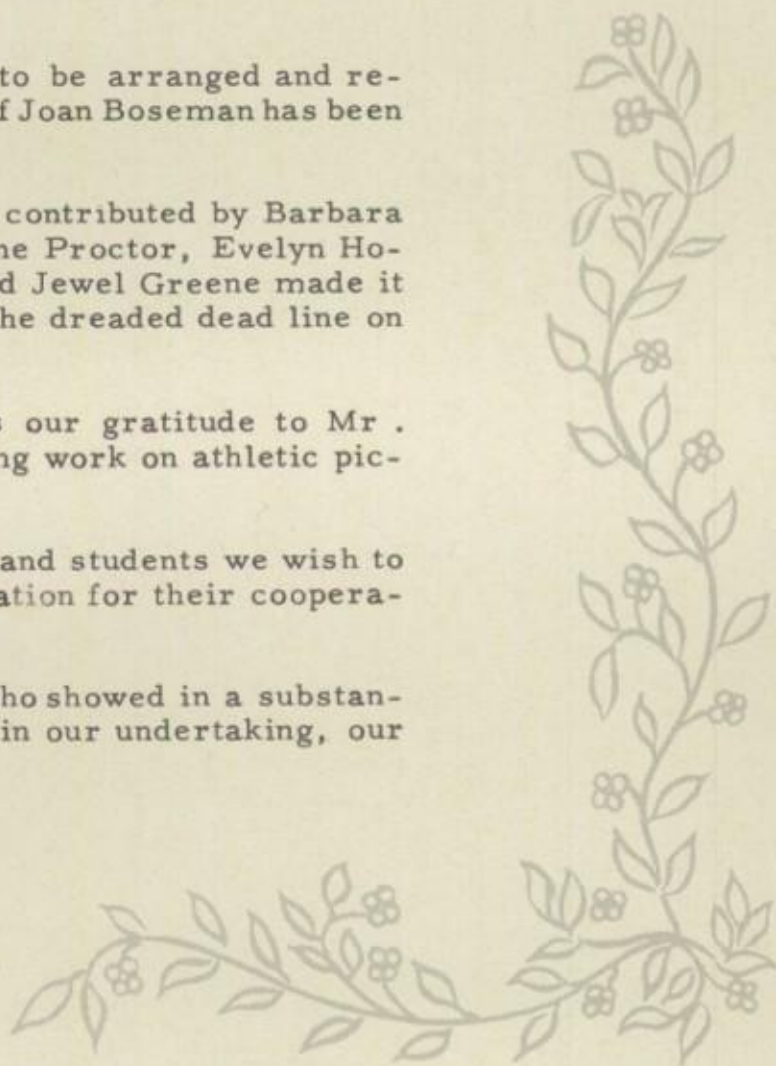
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